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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The House was in session less than an hour and adjourned until Tuesday. ——Report of the Schley court of inquiry promulgated by Secretary Long; there are two reports, Admirals Benham and Ramsey concurring in one and Admiral Dewey making a separate report, commending Schley throughout. —— Two negroes hanged yesterday at Helena, Ark., for murder. —— The Athletic Club of Charleston, S. C., has made a bid for the McGorven-Sullivan fight. ——The races at Charleston begin Monday; there are 275 horses on the grounds. A bank messenger with $6,000 is missing at Mobile, Ala. ——Fire at Graham, Va., caused loss of one life and $25,000 worth of property. ——No developments in the case of the missing Miss Cropsey. ——Rayner, Schley's counsel, is disappointed at the outcome of the court of inquiry. —— New York markets: Money on call strong at 3@5 per cent., the last loan at 3 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8⅜c; flour market was steady but dull; wheat—spot firm, No. 2 red 86¼c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 69¼c; oats—spot firm, No. 2. 52½c.

WEATHER REPORT

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 13

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 55 degrees; 8 P. M., 67 degrees; maximum, 73 degrees; minimum, 52 degrees; mean, 62 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 2.36 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 3.9 feet

STORM WARNING.

Southeast storm signals were ordered up at 10 P. M. at all coast points from Jacksonville, Fla., to Baltimore. The storm was central over the lower Mississippi valley moving slowly easterly. Brisk to high southeast winds along the coast expected Saturday, becoming westerly Saturday night or Sunday.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—For North Carolina — Rain Saturday; colder in western portion. Sunday, clearing and much colder; brisk southeasterly winds becoming northwesterly.

Port Almanac—December 14.

Sun Rises	7.02 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.47 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 45 M.
High Water at Southport	9.44 P. M
High Water Wilmington	12 14 A. M.

Kaiser William does not approve of duelling festivities in the army, which he considers the property of the State. He has given notice that any officer who engages in a duel as principal or second will be cashiered.

Another gusher was turned in last Tuesday in the Beaumont, Texas, oil field, making 116 so far, and the boring goes on. The Southern Pacific road can't furnish locomotives enough to haul the stuff away.

Mr. and Mrs Shaw, of Chicago, have gone to Europe where they propose to make a 3,000 mile automobile excursion, winding up with a spin through Northern Africa. They appear to be on pretty good terms with each other and also with the automobile.

Representative Weeks, of Michigan, who took an excursion to the Philippines, was disappointed in Aguinaldo, who he says isn't half as big a man as many took him to be. But there are a great many men who grow smaller as you get nearer to them.

The office of receiver of taxes for the town of Port Chester, N. Y., seems to be ho-dooed. During the last ten years six holders of that office have died. It is vacant now and they are thinking of offering a chromo or a paid up life insurance policy to get some one to take it.

Marquis Ito, of Japan, who is travelling in this country, declined a free railroad pass while at St. Paul, and when some one asked him why, he said that he never rode on a railroad in Japan for nothing. They don't do it for nothing in this country, either. They do it to save car fare.

The navy of Mexico consists of two dispatch boats, two unarmored gun boats and five second class torpedo boats, manned by ninety officers and 500 men, who have lots of of leisure time. And yet the averaged Mexican drinks his pulque and managers to be reasonably happy.

An English professor informs us that the human race will in future ages be legless. Other professors had previously informed us that it would be armless, toothless, hairless and several other lesses. What a queer lot of folks we will be when we are going around without legs, arms teeth, hair, etc.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Newbernians are agitating the question of an Elk lodge for that city.

— Schooner *J. Howell Leeds* cleared yesterday with cargo of lumber for New York.

— Cotton receipts for the past week were 16,710 bales against 18,723 same week last season.

— Dr. G. G. Thomas and Dr. Thos R. Little left last night for the North to purchase equipment for the Hospital.

— The STAR acknowledges with thanks the receipt of a handsome calender for 1902 from the D. L. Gore Company, wholesale groceries and drug sundries.

— Fire originating from an unknown source completely destroyed the laundry at the country lodge of Mr. Pembroke Jones on Wrightsville Sound Thursday night. The loss is several hundred dollars; partially covered by insurance.

— Jno. T., Jr., infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. T. Smith, Third between Castle and Queen streets, died Thursday about 2 P. M. The funeral was conducted from the late residence at 3 P. M. yesterday by Rev. J. P. King. Interment was in Bellevue cemetery.

— A small blaze which wrought about $5 damage to a house in Fick's alley, Ninth between Queen and Wooster streets, called out the department at 4:11 o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire originated from sparks from a chimney.

— There was a falling off from last year in all receipts of naval stores at the port of Wilmington for the past week. The figures are: spirits, 359 casks against 809 last year; rosin, 2,854 barrels against 8,081; tar, 3,358 barrels against 6,881; crude, 853 barrels against 1,245. The crop year receipts are behind those of last year in all items except tar.

PAVILION FOR EXCURSIONISTS.

Joint Committee Recommends Building of an Iron Structure On Market Street.

The committee of aldermen and business men recently appointed by the City Council and Chamber of Commerce, respectively, to confer together and devise some plan for obtaining public comforts and conveniences for the hundreds of excursionists who visit the city each year, met yesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at The Orton. Present were Messrs. L B Rogers, W. E. Worth, T. W. Clawson, of the Chamber of Commerce, and Alderman E. P. Bailey, of the City Council.

The joint committee decided upon the building for the use of the visitors of a substantial iron pavilion at the east end of Market near Second street, same to be nicely finished as an ornament to the street and to the city. Seats will be provided and a fountain installed in the building and supplied from an excellent artesian well in the yard of the Wilmington Iron Works about half a block distant. The pavilion will be something like those in Cincinnati, Ohio., and other large cities and will be a model of neatness and durability. It is estimated that the structure will cost from $800 to $1,000. Ladies' toilet rooms will be provided and the place made comfortable and attractive. The city, of course, will be asked to make an appropriation for the building. At the next regular meeting of the Aldermen the committee will push the matter and hopes to have everything ready for the season of 1902.

Funeral of Mrs. MacComber.

The remains of the late Mrs. Sarah MacComber, whose death in Richmond was noted in these columns yesterday, arrived the same morning via the Atlantic Coast Line, accompanied by her son, Mr. Robt. E. MacComber and wife. The remains were met at the station by a number of friends and tenderly borne to Oakdale cemetery, where impressive funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor of the First Presbyterian church. The pall bearers were Messrs. Samuel Northrop, Jas. F. Post, Robert E Post, R. D. Cronly, Chas. H. Robinson and E. G. Parmele.

Hunters from Topsail.

Mr. Will A. Blair, brother of Wilmington's esteemed superintendent of schools, Mr. John Jay Blair, and president of the People's National Bank, Winston, N. C., passed through the city yesterday with a company of hunters en route from Topsail Sound to their homes. Governor Aycock expected to have joined the party this week, but was prevented from doing so by the illness of Gen. T. F. Toon, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.

Will Do Road Duty.

Three defendants were sentenced to the county roads for twenty days each by Mayor Waddell yesterday and were taken out to the stockade in the after noon. The prisoners are all colored. George Wilson was sent up for disorderly conduct; Henderson Hays for disorderly conduct in applying an opprobrious epithet to Mr. J. W. Capps, who keeps a saloon at Sixth and Castle streets, and John Waddell for nonpayment of costs.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

S. P. McNair—New goods.
The Worth Co.—Bagging and ties.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Lost—Black serge eton jacket.

ORDER OF HOO HOOS.

Concatenation to be Held in Wilmington During the Month of January.

ELABORATE ENTERTAINMENT

Vicegerent Snark and Local Kittens Will Receive the Lumbermen Most Cordially — Something of the Organization.

Mr. John A. Arringdale, Vicegerent Snark for North Carolina of the Concatenated Order of Hoo Hoos, a national organization of lumber mill men and others engaged in kindred trades, has called a meeting of the order to be held in Wilmington some time during January.

The meeting will call to Wilmington prominent mill men and others from the Carolinas and Virginia and perhaps Georgia. The entertainment afforded the visitors by the local tradesmen will be of an elaborate nature, one of the features most probably being an elegant banquet at The Orton. There will also most likely be a number of applicants for initiation, the ceremony for which is always interesting and laugh-provoking.

The order, founded in 1891 by nine men, at Gurdon, Ark., who were lumbermen and newspaper men, has extended over the Union until its membership has now reached over 5,000. Its declared object "is health, happiness, and long life," and is purely a social order, and membership is rigidly restricted to the following classes of persons, and these alone: Lumbermen, newspaper men, general officers and general and assistant freight and passenger, purchasing and claim agents, commercial travelling, soliciting and contracting freight and passenger agents of railroads; persons engaged in the manufacture or sale of saw and planing mill machinery. In the Southern States, however, the membership is almost exclusively confined to men engaged in the lumber business.

The symbol of the order is a black cat with back up and tail curled into a nine, chosen because of its traditional nine lives. Brethren are known as kittens. Hoo Hoo day is the ninth of the ninth month of the year, and the meeting of the order is called together at 9:09 o'clock A. M. of that day. The initiation fee is $9.99, and annual dues are 99 cents.

The head of the order is the "Supreme Nine," corresponding with the Supreme lodge of other secret organizations. The "Nine" is composed of the Snark of the Universe, Senior and Junior Hoo Hoos, Bojum, Scrivenoter, Jabberwock, Custocation, Arcanoper and Gurdon.

There are thirty-one Vicegerent Snarks for as many States and Territories. The "House of Ancients" contains three members and there is also a "Chamber of Horrors," to which only Past Vicegerent Snarks, and they alone, are eligible to the degree.

Wilmington will gladly welcome the lumber men to the city and the local millers and dealers will do all in their power to give them the "good time" for which the Order of Hoo Hoo stands.

ELABORATE PYTHIAN BAZAAR.

Splendid Event to be Given by Knights Early in the New Year.

An elaborate entertainment for the benefit of a fund to be used in furnishing their new hall in the Murchison building, is being arranged by the Knights of Pythias of this city. The affair promises to be one of the most enjoyable lodge events of the new year and will be given at some place to be selected later, just prior to the removal of the lodges from their present quarters.

Jefferson Lodge, No. 61, K. of P., has taken the initiative in the matter and has appointed the following committee to act with others to be named next week by the other lodges: Messrs. L. B. Rogers, L. J. Cooper and A. S. Holden.

FUN FOR THE CHILDREN.

Matinee at 3 P. M. and Night Performance of "Uncle Josh Spruceby."

The rural comedy, "Uncle Josh Spruceby," with its Hayseed Band and concert orchestra, will be the Opera House offering this afternoon and night. Neighboring cities speak very kindly of the performance and one may expect just what is promised. The music is said to be especially pleasing; lots of specialties are introduced and the scenery is realistic.

Popular prices will prevail, the matinee being only 10 and 25 cents, and no doubt attracting large crowds. The funny parade takes place at 12 o'clock to-day.

Mullets From Florida.

W. E. Worth & Co. yesterday received a shipment of 30,000 mullets, the largest single lot, perhaps, ever brought to the city. The fish are being packed in the cold storage plant at Sixth and Dock streets, which is in charge of Mr. E. H. Freeman. The lot also includes a few other varieties than mullets and were received here in refrigerator cars from Punta Gordo, Fla.

At the request of many the fine furs of the Johnson stock have been taken to J. H. Rehder & Co.'s Department Store on Fourth street, where they will be sold at special prices. Any one of these would make a handsome Christmas present. †

HIGHWAYMEN HELD UP MILL FOREMAN.

Daring Robbery by Negroes Last Night at Pistol Point, Near Hilton Park Thirty Dollars Stolen.

An exceptionally bold robbery by highwaymen was perpetrated near Hilton Park last night about 11 o'clock.

Mr. T. H. Sears, foreman at the Angola Lumber Company's plant and a brother of the manager of the company, Mr. W. T. Sears, was the victim, and at the point of a pistol three negroes went through his pockets and relieved him of between $20 and $30 in cash. A watch and other articles of value had fortunately been left at his boarding place at Mr. J. T. Maunder's on Fourth street, before he started for the mill to do some work which required completion before the plant started early the following morning.

Mr. Sears was going to the factory alone and had gotten as far as a low place in the dirt road leading to the baseball field, just beyond the gate to the Hilton Lumber Company's office, when he was stopped by three negroes, one of whom held a pistol in the young man's face, while the other two held his arms and went through his pockets, securing the amount of money as stated.

When the robbery had been committed, the negroes told Mr. Sears to proceed, which he did and went to the mill beyond Hilton bridge. From there he telephoned Mr. Maunder of the occurrence and Mr Maunder communicated with police headquarters. Officers went to the scene and talked with Mr. Sears regarding the robbery, but nothing was gained in the way of a clue. Mr. Sears only knows that he was held up by three negroes. He does not know their names, nor could he identify them if they were brought to him. The police should exhaust every effort to bring the guilty parties to justice.

TRAVELLING MAN DEAD.

Mr. J. C. Scarborough, of Wilmington, Died in Newbern Yesterday—Funeral.

Mr. J. C. Scarborough, the well known and popular Standard Oil travelling man, who for the past several years has made headquarters here, died yesterday morning at Newbern, N. C., after an illness of about two weeks with typhoid fever. The remains will arrive in Wilmington on the Newbern train to day and in the afternoon will be taken to Charlotte for interment, where he resided for many years previous to his coming to Wilmington.

The news of Mr. Scarborough's death reached Wilmington through the medium of a private telegram to Mr. Alex. S. Holden, Keeper of Records and Seals of Jefferson Lodge No. 61, K. of P., of this city, of which deceased was an enthusiastic and valued member, having transferred his membership here from Charlotte.

Mr. and Mrs. Scarborough resided while in Wilmington at the home of Mr. J. C. Morrison, Fifth and Princess streets, and Mr. Scarborough was on one of his usual business trips when he was taken ill. Mrs. Scarborough went to his bedside and was with him at the time of his death.

Deceased was possessed of a happy and genial disposition. He had a keen sense of humor and was a man whom everybody liked. His character was above reproach and his honor beyond question. With travelling men he was especially popular. The news of his death was received in Wilmington with greatest sorrow by all who knew him. The bereaved wife has the tenderest sympathy of the community.

FOLLOWED HUSBAND TO GRAVE.

Wilmington Lady's Premonition of Death Came True On Last Wednesday.

Mrs. Monroe Peterson, an aged and highly respected lady, who formerly resided in Wilmington, died at 5:30 o'clock Wednesday morning at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Sylvester Bordeaux, whom she was visiting at Hocutt, Bladen county. Mrs. Peterson was 84 years of age at the time of her death, and lived here for several years at the home of her son, Mr H. L. Peterson, Sr., No. 523½ North Fourth street. She was a faithful member of Brooklyn Baptist church, and of a most estimable disposition, which endeared her to all. The surviving relatives are Mr. H. L. Peterson, of this city, and a daughter, Mrs. Bordeaux, at whose home she died.

Mrs. Peterson was relict of the late Monroe Peterson, who died here three weeks ago. At the time of his death, members of the family say, Mrs. Peterson predicted that in three weeks she, too, would pass away and join her husband. She died within four hours of the three weeks predicted, of a general breaking down as the result of the infirmities of old age. Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Peterson, of this city, were at her bedside when she died. The funeral was held Thursday at White Hall, N. C.

Death of Mr. Gary Williams.

Mr. Gary Williams, a step-son of Capt. Wm. Skinner, who recently moved to Wilmington from Fayetteville, died yesterday morning at 8 o'clock of pneumonia at the home of Capt. Skinner in this city. The deceased young man was about 20 years of age and was a son of the late Gary Williams, of Fayetteville. The remains will be sent this morning to Fayetteville for interment in Cross Creek cemetery this afternoon.

A NEW ENTERPRISE.

Plant of Wilmington Floral Company Now Completed, is An Up-to-Date Affair.

WORK IN EXPERIENCED HANDS

Green Houses Are Large, Moderaly Equipped and Stocked With Rarest and Most Exquisite Plants and Flowers — Apartments.

Few persons who have not enjoyed actual observation can appreciate the extent of the floral industry being carried on by the Wilmington Floral Company at its new green houses on Market, between Fiteenth and Sixteenth streets. Only a few months ago the company was organized, but already the business is in active operation and orders are being filled with dispatch and satisfaction, both in and out of the city.

Everything new and up to-date, a visit to the green houses of the company in winter is refreshing. They are stocked with the latest varieties of plants and flowers and no more complete floral exhibit in the State may be found. Of course many of the plants are young, but no order, however elaborate, need be turned away, for there is abundant material for the filling.

The green houses, two in number, are a model of neatness and convenience. They are 35x100 feet in size, 16 feet in heigth, with six-foot brick walls, the remaining ten feet being glass covering of 8,000 surface feet. Both are heated from the rear by an immense Doric heater, manufactured expressly for the purpose, and with a capacity for several other green houses of like build. The water is furnished from driven wells and conveyed by force pumps to a large tank at the top of the building.

The houses extend north and south, fronting on Market street, and at the front of the main building handsome office apartments are arranged with desk, tables, stationery and other conveniences, including Bell 'phone No. 438, through which orders may be sent. In this department are kept an assortment of beautiful imported jardinieres, which are sold by the company. In front of the offices and green houses extending toward Market street, is a plat 85x66 feet in size which will be beautified with grasses and flowers.

For the novice to attempt a description of the contents of the green houses is a folly. The company has everything the trade demands and is prepared for any order, from the most humble to the most fastidious. A specialty is made of roses and carnations and in speaking of roses emphasis is laid by the management upon "American Beauties." Three thousand carnations of every description are already on the benches and from 500 to 1,000 of each variety of roses. Then there are endless varieties of palms, ficus, ferns, Roman and other hyacinths, calla lillies, smilax, and in fact everything found in the modern floral gardens of the world. Fresh shipments of plants are being received daily and added to the benches. The company has especially fortified itself against the rush of Christmas orders and has a number of new things in yule tide decorations that should be investigated.

A description of the place would be incomplete without mention of the clever gentlemen who are behind the enterprise. Mr. John A. Everett, Jr., full of enthusiasm and pride in the work, is proprietor, and Mr. A. R. MacLachlan, a man of abundant experience, is manager. Mr. MacLachlan served an apprenticeship in Scotland and has been connected with a number of celebrated conservatories in America, notably at Camden, N. J., and Philadelphia. He came to Wilmington from Morganton, where he had charge for several years of the splendid grounds around the State institution there. He has made his home in Wilmington and will be found thoroughly conversant with the florist's art.

DIDN'T LIKE SHORT HOURS.

Coast Line Shop Workmen Prefer Longer Hours at the Increased Wages.

A new order by the Atlantic Coast Line Thursday cut down the number of working hours of the men in the shops here from ten to nine hours per day, the same effective at once and continuing through the Winter when the period of daylight is limited and the company put to great expense in providing artificial lights over its extensive plant. As a large majority of the three hundred men in the shops were employed by the hour they did not take kindly to the order and immediately set on foot a movement to induce the management to restore the old rule in vogue by which they could work ten hours per day or else receive the same wages for the shortened hours.

A committee of the shop men waited upon the Coast Line officials yesterday and found them perfectly willing to treat with the workmen for the best interest of all concerned. It is learned that an amicable adjustment of the differences was reached and that the nine hour rule will continue, but that in the Summer the men will be allowed to make up the time.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

THE POULTRY SHOW.

Enthusiastic Meeting of Association Last Night—Special and Sweepstake Prizes Are Offered—Other Notes.

The Poultry Show to be given in Wilmington at the City Hall the first four days in January was liberally discussed at the regular weekly meeting of the Poultry and Live Stock Association last night. The prospects for the fair are growing brighter each day and fanciers in North Carolina, Virginia and Georgia are manifesting an interest in the event.

All committees made enthusiastic reports last night. Business men of Wilmington and elsewhere are realizing the importance of the fair and are offering unsolicited special prizes. Among those reported by the committees are the following:

Wilmington Iron Works, five exhibition coops for the highest scoring White Plymouth Rock cockerel; Sneed Furniture Company, handsome parlor rocker for highest scoring of trio of Minorchas; The Reliable Incubator and Brooder Company, of Quincy, Ill., two books and two spring lever poultry punchers for Buff Cochins, Brahmas, White Plymouth Rocks and Buff Cochin Bantams; C. H. Heide & Co., one barrel of lettuce for best pen of Buff Plymouth Rock. With the regular prizes and the cash sweep stake offered by the Club of $5 each for the highest scoring male, female and trio, the list is an inviting one.

The Southern Express Company has promised reduced rates for all exhibits and many are expected.

DELIGHTFUL CHURCH RECEPTION.

Young People Entertained Last Night in Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall.

The reception last night in Abbie Chadbourn Memorial Hall at the First Presbyterian church was largely attended and thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended. The hall was attractively decorated with holly, mistletoe and other Christmas evergreens and an informal musical programme was observed to the delight of all. Members of the congregation were cordially received by Dr. Wells, the pastor, Mr. W. M. Cumming, the Sunday School superintendent, and other prominent members of the church.

The musical numbers included a sweetly rendered solo by Mrs. W. L. Latta, "While the Heart Is Young;" another by Mrs. J. D. Smith; bass solo by Mr. Herbert K. Holden; tenor solo, with quartette chorus by Mr. C. V. Motte, "My Whipporwill;" whistling solo, "Mocking Bird," by Mr. J. Keener Westbrook; a charmingly rendered solo by Miss Norma Foster, and other selections in quartette by members of the First church choir. Miss Anna Sprunt presided at the piano with her usual grace and skill. Mr. Alf. Yopp played the accompaniment for the numbers by Mr. Westbrook, who received several hearty encores.

Delightful refresements were served during the progress of the reception.

BANKRUPTCY PROCEEDINGS.

Elizabeth City Electric Railway Co. Chartered—Gen. Toon's Condition.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., December 13.—J. W. Goodson, tobacconist, of Kinston, filed a petition in bankruptcy today. Liabilities, $26,750; assets, $455.

A compromise of fifty cents on the dollar is authorized by Judge Purnell in the bankruptcy case of McPherson and Witherspoon, Sanford. The petition was filed November 12th. The liabilities are $30,000; assets, $35,000.

The Elizabeth City Electric Railway Company is chartered, with $125,000 authorized capital; also the Robt. W. Fulghum Co., of Wilson, general merchandise, $10,000 capital.

Gen. Toon is reported to-night somewhat weaker than yesterday, but is resting well. His general condition is not regarded as favorable.

— Mr. Rem Prempert having recovered from his recent indisposition, left Washington for Raleigh yesterday and is expected here in a few days on his rounds South.

We will deliver all photographs taken this week before Christmas unless the weather is very bad next week. Taylor's Studio. †

Church Notices.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Porter will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor. 11 A. M., "Echoes of the Convention." 7:30 P. M., "Jonah."

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M., and at 7.30 P. M. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8:00 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services. Pews free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow, (Sabbath) afternoon, at 3 o'clock, by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D., Seamen and rivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets. Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall, pastor. Services on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 6.00 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.00 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 4.30 p. m Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city specially invited. Seats free.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Peterson, Sr., returned yesterday from Hocutt, N. C.

— Mr. R. J. Rivenbark, of the A. C. L., has gone to Washington, D. C., for a few days.

— Miss Mattie M. Dempsey, of Portsmouth, Va., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. R. H. Pickett, on Market street.

—Rev. F. A. Bishop, of Greenville, N. C., visited the city yesterday and favored the STAR office with a pleasant call.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

IF YOU LIKE WHOLE WHEAT FLOUR TRY THIS.

Good as the best. Better than the rest.

THIS WEEK

Six pounds Lump Starch 25c, two pounds Aromatic Coffee 25c, four quarts White Beans 25c, North Carolina Hams 14c, Seeded Raisins, pkg 10c, Cleaned Currants, pkg. 10, Citron, pound 20c, Mixed Nuts pound 15c.
We cater to your palate.

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Write to us for prices.

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MEAL, GRITS, MOLASSES
WHEAT BRAN,
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Send me your orders.
Special attention given to consignments.

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NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY,
Superior Court.

Mary B. Keeton,
vs.
J. T. Keeton.

This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the above entitled cause against the defendant above named for divorce on the ground of abandonment. It being made to appear that J T. Keeton is a non-resident of the State of North Carolina and cannot, after due diligence be found in this State. These are therefore to notify said defendant to appear at the next term of the Superior Court, to be held for the county of New Hanover on the 8th Monday before the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1902, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or judgment will be granted according to the prayer of the complaint.

In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of November, A. D. 1901. JNO. D. TAYLOR,
Clerk Superior Court of New Hanover county.
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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD

WILMINGTON, N. C.

SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 14.

CUTS BOTH WAYS.

Statesman Crumpacker is not going to have a walkover with his bill, for there is opposition to it that will in all probability become more pronounced and more formidable as that measure is viewed in its different phases and better understood. We might naturally look for opposition to it by the few Republican members there are from the South, for if such a bill passed there would be still fewer; but if the opposition on the Republican side were confined to these Mr. Crumpacker and others who are acting with him to put his bill through would not be seriously disturbed. But there are others, and it is these who may make trouble and bring disappointment to the gentleman from Indiana.

The Washington correspondent of the Baltimore *Sun* is a careful writer and remarkably well informed on political movements in Washington and on congressional sentiment on questions at issue. He has been feeling pulses and expresses the opinion that Mr. Crumpacker may run up against some surprises when he undertakes to commit the party to his scheme and make it a party question. Writing about it a few days ago he says:

> Something of a surprise on account of the attitude of certain leading Republicans of the House is likely to occur if the House majority meets in caucus to consider the subject of reducing Southern Representation in that body.
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> From the present outlook legislation in this direction during the current session is not likely to be enacted. It is a matter of common observation that many Republicans approach the subject with diffidence, and others, while willing to sign the petition which has been circulated by Representative E D. Crumpacker, of Indiana, asking for a caucus, are anxious that the subject shall not be taken up this session.
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> There appears to be a division of sentiment on the politics of the proposed reduction. A prominent Northwestern Republican member of the House, who states that he has a considerable following among his colleagues of the majority, said to day that he believes the best course for the party to follow would be to let the subject rest. He added:
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> "My idea is that the Southern States which want to disfranchise should be allowed to do so. Neither should any action be taken by Congress to punish the States passing the disfranchisement laws. The truth of the matter is the negro must be eliminated from politics. The sooner he is placed outside the political breastworks the better.
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> "It would be a good thing for the Republican party if the negro had no vote. Such a condition would greatly benefit the Republican party. To-day certain people of the South hold up the red flag against the Republican party because, as they say, it favors the negro, and would favor negro domination. Of course, that contention is not true, but at the same time the best way for the party to convince the South that it means what it says would be to deprive the negro of his ballot. Then many of the Southern States, in my opinion, would find their way into the Republican column.
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> "Later it might be well to regrant the colored man his right to vote. It might be done by either party. I intend to project my views when the caucus meets—if it ever does meet—and in the position I have assumed I am sustained by many of my Republican colleagues. We think it would be a good thing for the Republican party to let the Southern States continue to disfranchise the negro. We ought not to threaten the white people of such States with reduced representation. Let them proceed with their work."

There are a good many Republicans who have no more use for the negro politically or otherwise than the extremist white supremacy man in the South has, and they are tired of this incessant agitation of the negro question. They have never seen where they or their party were benefitted by this agitation and they would like to see it stopped for all time to come. They may be quiet about it and let Mr. Crumpacker toy along with it until he undertakes to bring it up in caucus and make it a party issue, and then the kicking will begin. They are not governed by sentiment in matters of this kind, but by practical common sense, and they do not see why the Southern States should be struck at and made to suffer for doing what their own States would do under similar circumstances and provocation, and do more radically and sweepingly than Southern States have done.

There is not likely to be a single Republican from the South who will support it while some of them will oppose it vigorously. They held a conference on it Wednesday night to decide upon what action they would take if the bill should come up before the caucus. After the conference Senator McComas, of Maryland, was emphatic in declaring that the Crumpacker bill could not pass. Senator Pritchard was equally outspoken in declaring his opposition to it, and gave his reasons for it, which we clip from a Washington letter in the Charlotte *Observer*:

> "I cannot support Mr. Crumpacker's bill for reasons, some of which I have heretofore given to the public. In the first place, there has never been a denial of the right to vote of a sufficient number of voters in the State of North Carolina to warrant Mr. Crumpacker in reducing our representation to the extent proposed by his bill. If Congress has any power under the fourteenth amendment to reduce the representation of any State, it cannot be exercised until there has been a denial of the right to vote to a number of citizens thereof, and the basis of representation therein can only be reduced according to the proportion which the number of citizens thus deprived of the right to vote bear to the voting population of the State. There has been no denial of the right to vote to any great extent in the State of North Carolina, as contemplated by the fourteenth amendment, but there have been corrupt election practices in many of the counties of that State, by which the minority has been able to count the votes of the majority, and thus secure, by ballot box stuffing and other manipulation, control of our governmental affairs.
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> "The remedy which Mr. Crumpacker proposes is not adequate to the evils with which we have been confronted in North Carolina in the past. The proposition of Mr. Crumpacker is in the nature of an admission that the constitutional amendments recently adopted in North Carolina and other States are not in violation of any of the provisions of the constitution of the United States. I assume that he would not attempt to base representation upon figures that might result from the enforcement of an unconstitutional clause in a State constitution. No one would think of going into a court to ask relief unless it could be shown that he was about to suffer irreparable injury, and no harm can come to any one from the proposed enforcement of an unconstitutional act. The adoption of the fifteenth amendment was tantamount to an abandonment of the penalty clause of the fourteenth amendment."

After quoting from James G. Blaine's "Twenty Years of Congress" in support of this view, he continues:

> "When the fourteenth amendment was adopted the regulation of suffrage was left exclusively within the jurisdiction of the States, but the adoption of the fifteenth amendment conferred upon the colored man an affirmative right, to-wit: the right to stand upon an equal footing with all other citizens in the exercise of the elective franchise, and it was provided that no one should be discriminated against on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude. The abandonment of the State governments in Louisiana and other Southern States in 1876 was in the nature of a notice to the people of the United States that the fifteenth amendment was not to be enforced, and everything that has happened since that time has been in harmony with the policy outlined by those who were entrusted with the administration of governmental affairs on that occasion.
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> "Any attempt to reduce representation in so far as North Carolina is concerned at this time would be detrimental to the best interests of the people of that section, and the colored man will in the end be the chief sufferer. There are at present no racial disturbances in North Carolina, and I am satisfied that the friendly relations which now exist between the two races in that State will grow stronger in the future, if nothing is done to reopen questions, the agitation of which will enable the Democratic leaders of the South to keep alive race and sectional prejudices.
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> "What we need in North Carolina is an honest enforcement of the election laws, and if that end can be obtained, North Carolina will give a decisive majority in favor of the Republican party. There is nothing in Mr. Crumpacker's measure which undertakes to guarantee a free ballot and a fair count, the thing essential to Republican success in the South."

The sum and substance of this is that Congress has abnegated the right to interfere with the suffrage question in the South, or to discipline the South for any real or constructive violation of the 14th or 15th amendments, both of which have been treated as practically obsolete by the Republican party as represented in Congress. It is a brief statement but it covers the essential points effectually and shows that the proposed measure would be, if passed, an abortion, and would serve no good purpose in protecting the political rights of the negro or in securing honest elections.

These are some of the things it wouldn't do, but there are some things it would do, which possibly may not have occurred to Mr. Crumpacker and those who are backing him, and which we have not seen referred to by any of the Republican opponents of his bill. Measures like these cut both ways, and deeper than their originators sometimes anticipate.

WHO REAPS THE PROSPERITY?

We read much these days about the great accumulation of wealth in this country, about the "wave of prosperity," increased deposits in banks, the increased volume of money in circulation, the increase in our internal commerce and the remarkable growth of our export trade, all of what would appear to sustain the boasts about our great prosperity. Much of which has been said as referred to above is true, and there is no denying the prosperity. But who reaps it? Is the ordinary farmer or the ordinary wage-earner, better off than he was one, two or three years ago? Ordinarily few of them have much to lay by at the end of a year's work, after supporting a family and meeting other necessary expenses. This is especially true now. *Dun's Review*, some time ago published a table showing the cost of the necessaries of life now as compared with July 1, 1897, and November 1, 1901, as follows:

	Nov. 1, 1891.	Nov. 1, 1900.	July 1, 1897.
Breadstuffs	$17,840	$13,853	$10,587
Meats	8,929	8,669	7,529
Dairy & garden	13,622	12,383	8,714
Other food	9,157	9,640	7,887
Clothing	15,342	16,012	13,808
Metals	15,876	15,077	11,642
Miscellan'ous	16,977	15,663	12,288
Total	$97,743	$91,297	$72,455

This means that the supplies that could have been bought July 1st, 1897 for a little less than $72.50 cost in November 1900 a little over $91.25 and in November 1901 nearly $97.75, an increase of one third. But has the average farmer's income increased one-third or the pay of the wage earner? There may have been a slight increase with some wage earners but nothing in comparison with the increased cost of living, while the consolidation of manufacturing and other industries has thrown thousands of wage earners out of employment.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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But here is an illustration coming nearer home, showing how "the wave of prosperity" has struck the farmer and cropper. We quote from the Tarboro *Southerner*:

> "Three gentlemen were talking the other day about crops, and the remarks of one of them explains the Southern situation to a nicety. What he said was to this effect: Last year he had five croppers, with whom he settled, and after deducting rent and all else due he paid them nine hundred and some odd dollars.
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> "This year these croppers made just about as much, but in the settlement he had to pay them about one hundred and fifty dollars.
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> "The difference between this $150 and $900 is the decrease in the price of cotton and the increase in the price of living.
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> "Where crops are short this unfavorable condition is, of course, greatly accentuated."

We ask again, who reaps the prosperity? It is evidently not the man who tills the soil or earns his living by his daily labor.

WHITE AUSTRALIA.

White supremacy has been and is one of the demands of the white people of the South, and white supremacy is one of the demands of the new confederated Government of Australia. One of the first bills passed by its parliament was an act for the exclusion from citizenship of any person who cannot read and write the English language. There was some opposition to this bill because it was not deemed stringent enough, for some Chinamen or Japanese or other unwelcome aliens might be able to read or write the English language, or might acquire the ability to do that after immigration, but it was finally passed as sufficient for the present time. One of its supporters, Attorney General Deakin, commenting on it in a letter to the London *Post*, thus shows the feeling of the people of Australia and what they will do if this bill should not realize their expectations:

> "We say that the purpose of the measure is to take the longest stride towards prohibition we believe to be possible to take, so as to instantaneously secure the adoption of the measure. * * * By this means we obtain a large measure of prohibition—something less perhaps than absolute prohibition, but all must admit a large measure of prohibition, and we obtain it at once, and obtain it without tying our hands in the slightest degree. * * † To say that it is an indirect means, to say that it partakes of duplicity, to say that it deceives, is to suppose that these debates have been idle and fruitless, and that the absolutely unanimous chorus from both sides of this House in favor of a 'White Australia' is or will be unregarded. * * * But nothing will restrain us, nothing will withhold us in the future, if this proves insufficient, from following the same road, or any other road that will enable us absolutely to exclude all undesirable aliens."

They have drawn the color line and will draw it still more tightly if necessary, for they are determined that Australia shall be and remain a white man's country.

General Kitchener is trying the plan of fencing out the Boers by building block houses about a third of a mile apart, connecting them with barbed wire fences and telephones. He'll have use for a big lot of block stuff and wire.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— It is announced that President Roosevelt will fight the Force bill Congressmen and the reduce-Southern-representation Congressmen. The President wants to even up for the Booker Washington tea. —*Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

—— Mr. Bryan is said to have written opposite a life-insurance query as to fever: "Yes, had two severe attacks of the Presidential fever, followed by severe chills, but I have fully recovered from both." The Democrats of the country will be happy to see that he is well enough thus to joke about his case. They themselves are not yet able to see the funny part of it.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— The pendulum which seems to control the vacillating policy of the British government has again taken a wide swing, and every effort is now being made, according to cablegrams, to induce the Boers to accept easy terms of peace. No more acceptable Christmas present could come to the English people than the news that terms of peace had been agreed upon. And the whole world would rejoice.—*Houston Chronicle, Ind.*

—— Why should we be so eager for trade with islands in Asiatic seas while neglecting the Indies at our doors? Why should we expect so much profit from China while making no effort to expand the markets beckoning to us from the shores our ancestors always viewed through a golden mist? Did the Spaniards exhaust the mines of the Americans? Did the buccaneers waste all the gold of our hemisphere? Why have we no Raleigh for the latter day.—*Jacksonville Times-Union, Dem.*

White Man Turned Yellow.

Great consternation was felt by the friends of M. A. Hogarty, of Lexington, Ky., when they saw he was turning yellow. His skin slowly changed color, also his eyes, and he suffered terribly. His malady was Yellow Jaundice. He was treated by the best doctors, but without benefit. Then he was advised to try Electric Bitters, the wonderful Stomach and Liver remedy, and he writes: "After taking two bottles I was wholly cured." A trial proves its matchless merit for all Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Greenville *Reflector*: An epidemic has again broken out among the horses in Hyde county and many of them are dying. The State Veterinarian is down there making an investigation.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. Williamson Bell Whitehead, son of the late Williamson Whitehead, died at his home on Cool Spring street Monday night of pneumonia, in the 33rd year of his age.

— Weldon *News*: Three large timber syndicates have acquired large interests in this section. One of these next year will build a railroad from Weldon by way of Brinkleyville and Ringwood, to some point in the edge of Franklin county, distance about thirty miles, to get at 500,000,000 feet of short leaf pine timber.

— Elizabeth City *Carolinian*: Farmers are somewhat against planting a large acreage of cotton this year. The low price of cotton is mainly responsible. Those who made this their sole crop are in deed in a sad plight. Those who diversified their crops however, are comparatively prosperous. The lesson is one that all who run may read.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Mr. J. P. Hardy, of near Kinston, showed us a to-day some pecans that came from a tree he planted a number of years ago. The tree has been bearing pecans about four years. The nuts are of a fine flavor and somewhat of a larger size the the ordinary pecan. Mr. Hardy says he made a mistake in failing to plant a nice orchard of the trees.

— High Point *Enterprise*: Capt. Bouldin, engineer on the Pinehurst train, brought us the news Monday night of a big fire at Troy. It destroyed the principal hotel of the town and a half dozen or more other buildings. The cause of the fire was due to some coals rolling out on the floor after the occupants of a room had retired. This makes Troy's second destructive fire within a few years.

— Rockingham *Anglo Saxon*: Mr. John T. Aldred, who lived about a mile and a half above Capel's Mill, in Steele's township, died suddenly in his wagon on the way home from Troy last Wednesday. His little boy, aged 11 years, was with him, and when they reached Pekin Mr. Elsie Shamburger noticed the little boy crying, and being asked what was the matter, he said his father was dead. Mr. Shamburger investigated and found his statement quite true. —— What appears to have been a very dastardly attempt to fire the town was discovered Saturday night in time to prevent any damage. A colored man passing discovered a small flame of fire on the steps leading up to Everett's hall. He beat it out with his hat and threw dirt on it. An examination showed that kerosine oil had been poured on the steps. A vigilant watch is being kept to prevent the repetition of such an occurrence.

— Wadesboro *Messenger-Intelligencer*: Mr. H. M (Fug) Parker died suddenly at his home, in Burnsville township, Friday. Mr. Parker was engaged in tearing down an old house when he was taken suddenly and violently ill with a severe pain in his stomach. He at once quit work and went to his home, only a short distance away, where he died almost immediately. —— This seems to be a bad year for farmers any way you take it. Less than a half crop of cotton and almost no corn at all was bad enough in all reason, but now the failure of small grain to come up is another disaster they are being called on to face. It is said there is a silver lining to every cloud, but the one to this most calamitous of years has not put in its appearance as yet —— The gin house, together with its contents, consisting of a gin condenser and feeder and about ninety bushels of cotton seed, of Mr. W. B Sellers, of Morven, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. The house was situated on Mr. Sellers' Sneedsboro place, about four miles from the place of his residence. The gin had not been run for a week and there is no doubt but the fire was the work of an incendiary. Mr. Sellers estimates his loss at $750; insurance, $390. —— Monday morning about 11 o'clock, the jury in the case of Lenorah Harris, vs. J. F. Harris, brought in a verdict answering all the issues in favor of the woman. As soon as the verdict was rendered Mr. W. Maston Haire procured a marriage license and he and the woman went to the store of Esq. W. J. Ashcraft on Rutherford street, where they were married. The entire proceedings probably consumed less time than an hour. Owing to their haste, however, the couple came near getting themselves into trouble, as Judge McNeill had not signed the decree of divorce when the marriage took place. The Judge talked about not signing the decree at all, but finally did sign it, yesterday afternoon.

Presiding Elder's Appointments, Wilmington District.

Fifth Street, Dec 15
Market Street, Dec. 15.
Scott's Hill, Prospect, Dec. 21, 22.
Grace, Dec. 22.
Burgaw, Wallace, Dec. 28, 29.
Southport, Jan. 5, 5.
Waccamaw, Old Dock. Jan. 11, 12.
Whiteville, Whiteville, Jan. 12, 13.
Town Creek, Zion, Jan. 18, 19.
Bladen Street, Jan. 19.
Shallotte Camp, Jan. 25, 26.
Carver's Creek, Wayman, Feb. 12.
Bladen, Bethlehem, Feb. 8, 9.
Elizabeth, Elizabethtown, Feb. 10.
Jacksonville and Richlands, Richlands, Feb. 15, 16.
Magnolia, Centenary, Feb, 22, 23.
Clinton, Clinton, March 1, 2.
Kenansville, Kenansville, March 3.
Onslow, Swansboro, March 8, 9.

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TWINKLINGS.

— The general worthlessness of advice is exhibited in the fact that the average man would rather give it than take it.—*Life.*

— Mistress—I am not quite satisfied with your references. Applicant —Nayther am I, mum; but they's the best I could get.—*Puck.*

— Willie (at his lessons)—Say, pa, what's a fortification? Pa—A fortification, my son, is a large fort. Willie—Then is a ratification a large rat? —*New York Tribune.*

— Redd: No he doesn't wear anything but an ordinary business suit when he goes on the links. Greene: How in the world, then, do they know he's playing golf.—*Puck.*

— Objection Not Sustained: This ain't a freight elevator, said the grumpy elevator man. Yes, it is, replied the boy with the bundle. It carries a big hog up and down all day long.—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

— Mrs. Jenkyns—I see Mrs. Hoetong is going to have "King Lear" at her next private theatricals. Mrs. Newrich (furious with envy)—Is she? the affected thing. Do you know I don't believe he's a real king at all.—*Tit-Bits.*

— A Formula.—"Your teacher says you would be the first boy in your class if you attended to your studies." "Oh! The teacher's got into the habit of saying that every once in a while to about half a dozen boys!"—*Puck*

— And so Prince Charming and Princess Brighteyes got married, and he hit her with a chair, and she would not give him any money to pay his debts and keep up his string of horses. And so they got a divorce and lived happily ever after.—*Baltimore American.*

— Lady—I want to see something suitable for a birthday present for a man. Shopwalker—Men's furnishing department on the next floor. Lady—The gift is for my husband. Shopwalker—Oh, beg pardon. Bargain counter in the basement.—*Tit-Bits.*

— Some time ago little Walter had occasion to differ with his aunt upon some trifling matter. "I tell you," said auntie playfully, "I know a few things." "And I know as few things as anybody, I guess," said Master Walter, indignantly.—*New York Tribune.*

FOLLOWED THE LEADER.

A Case Where Naval Cadets Turned Discipline Into a Joke.

Among other good stories told by Cyrus Townsend Brady in his "Under Tops'ls and Tents," published by Scribners, is this:

It is related that a large number of naval cadets were negligent in following the service in the chapel, which was after the ritual of the Episcopal church. An incautious officer in charge on Sunday morning made a little address to the church party on the subject, saying he supposed that some of them erred through ignorance, but if they would observe him carefully and do as he did—in military parlance, follow the motions of the commanding officer—they would not go wrong.

Word was passed quietly through the battalion. They marched into the church. The officer in charge took his place in the front pew, settled himself in his seat and calmly blew his nose. Three hundred noses were blown simultaneously with a vehemence that was startling. The officer looked around and blushed violently in great surprise. Three hundred heads "followed the motions of the commanding officer." Six hundred cheeks violently tried to blush, a hard thing to for a midshipman to do, and so on through the service.

The man could not stir without instant imitation. He finally confined himself strictly to the prescribed ritual of the service, looking neither to the right nor to the left, not daring to raise a finger or breathe out of the ordinary course. This enterprise also was a startling success.

The cadets received other instructions later in the day from a furious officer who sternly resented their innocent statements that they did not know which was ritual and which was not and that he had not instructed them that blowing his nose stood on a different plane from saying his prayers. It was a huge joke everywhere.

DWARFING AN OAK TREE.

The Japanese Trick by Which It Is Accomplished.

The Chabo Hiba, a dwarf Japanese pine tree, was recently sold for $1,200. It is six feet high and alleged to be 850 years old. It has long been supposed that the process by which Japanese gardeners succeeded in dwarfing forest trees was a long and costly one. It is now said that it is a simple process and that any one can do the trick. The following directions are given for producing a miniature oak tree:

Take an orange and scoop out the pulp. Fill the interior with a rich mold and plant an acorn in the center of it, leaving the hole in the rind for it to sprout through. Put it in a sunny place and water it frequently. Soon after the first shoots have appeared the roots begin to break through the orange skin. Take a sharp knife and shave these off carefully and keep them shaved. The tree will grow about five or six inches high and then stop. In a year it will be a perfect miniature oak. When the roots cease to grow, the orange skin should be varnished over and imbedded in a flowerpot.

The Japanese dwarf all kinds of trees and make them live to a great age. Some of these dwarfs, like the Chabo Hiba, are well known, and their owners have documentary evidence attesting their great age. The older they are the more valuable, of course, they are. In Japan certain families follow the calling, trade, art, or what you will, of growing dwarf trees from generation to generation, and you can buy a miniature oak 500 years old from a descendant of the man who first planted the acorn. Not only forest trees, but fruit trees and flowering shrubs, are dwarfed by these clever gardeners.

How to Make Clam Broth.

Procure three dozen Little Necks in the shell, wash them well in cold water, put them in a saucepan, cover with a quart of hot water, boil 15 minutes and drain. Remove the shells, chop up the clams and add them to the hot broth with a pat of butter. Salt if necessary and add a little cayenne. Boil ten minutes and serve hot or cold in cups with toast or crackers.

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MIDY

Parental Economy.

"Papa," said Dicky, "all the other boys are going to have torpedoes or firecrackers or something for the Fourth of July. Can't I have anything at all?"

"Dicky," said Mr. Stinjey, beckoning mysteriously, "come with me, and I'll show you something."

He took him out to the summer kitchen and showed him a large package, neatly folded and tied with a string.

"There," he said, "are all the paper bags that have been brought into the house for a whole year from grocery stores and other places. I have had your mother save them for you. Every one of them will make as much noise as a firecracker if you fill it with air and pop it right."

It was not exactly what Dicky had set his heart on, but it was all the Fourth of July he got.—Youth's Companion.

Willing to Take Chances.

"So you're going to marry Mike?" said the mistress inquiringly.

"Yis, mum."

"Are you sure you are not making a mistake?"

"Well," returned the cook thoughtfully, "he's not the best man in the world, to be sure, but if I lave him go how kin I be sure of gittin' another wan? I've been thinkin' about it, an' it looks to me like it's right an' proper to take what ye kin git when ye kin git it. Them that holds off for the big prize has been known to lose the little wans. I think I'll take Mike."—Chicago Post.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted

SAGGING—			
2 ℔ Jute		@	6¾
Standard		@	7½
Burlaps	6	@	6¾
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ꝑ ℔	12½	@	14
Sides ꝑ ℔	9	@	10
Shoulders ꝑ ℔	9	@	9¾
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ꝑ ℔	9	@	9¼
Shoulders ꝑ ℔	–	@	8¾
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each	1 35	@	1 35
Second-hand machine	1 35	@	1 35
New New York, each		@	1 35
New City, each		@	1 35
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ꝑ M	6 50	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ꝑ ℔	15	@	18
Northern	22	@	28
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	75	@	76
Virginia Meal	75	@	76
COTTON TIES—ꝑ bundle	1 25	@	1 30
CANDLES—ꝑ ℔—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
COFFEE—ꝑ ℔—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	7½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ꝑ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ꝑ bunch of 5 ℔s		@	0
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ꝑ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ꝑ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ꝑ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ꝑ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ꝑ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ꝑ barrel	3 50	@	4 00
Mullets, ꝑ pork barrel		@	7 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ꝑ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ꝑ ℔	6	@	10
" Extra	4 00	@	5 00
FLOUR—ꝑ ℔—			
Low grade	3 00	@	3 25
Choice	3 50	@	3 75
Straight	4 00	@	4 25
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—ꝑ ℔	8	@	10
GRAIN—ꝑ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	78	@	85
Mixed Corn	76	@	84
Oats, from store (mixed)		@	55
Oats, Rust Proof	75	@	80
Cow Peas	85	@	90
HIDES—ꝑ ℔—			
Green salted	4	@	5
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ꝑ 100 ℔s			
No 1 Timothy	1 00	@	1 05
Rice Straw		@	50
Eastern		@	1 00
Western	90	@	95
North River		@	1 00
N. C. Crop	75	@	80
HOOP IRON, ꝑ ℔		@	3
CHEESE—ꝑ ℔—			
Northern Factory	13½	@	14
Dairy Cream	12	@	13½
Half cream	10	@	12½
LARD, ꝑ ℔—			
Northern	9½	@	12¼
North Carolina	10	@	12¼
LIME, ꝑ barrel	1 10	@	1 25
PORK, ꝑ barrel—			
City Mess		@	18 50
Rump		@	18 50
Prime		@	18 00
ROPE, ꝑ ℔	11	@	22
SALT, ꝑ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool		@	90
American		@	90
On 125 ꝑ Sacks	50	@	60
SUGAR, ꝑ ℔—Standard Gran'd	5¼	@	5¾
Standard A	5	@	5½
White Extra C	4⅞	@	5
Extra C, Golden	4⅝	@	4¾
C Yellow	4	@	4½
LUMBER (city sawed) ꝑ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES, ꝑ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	[illegible]
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	29	@	31
Porto Rico, in barrels	29	@	33
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	17	@	27
NAILS, ꝑ keg, Cut, 60d basis	2 40	@	2 50
SOAP, ꝑ ℔—Northern	3¾	@	4
STAVES, ꝑ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ꝑ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 50
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	8 50
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
ꝑ M 6x24 heart	5 25	@	7 00
" Sap	5 50	@	6 00
5x20 Heart	3 50	@	4 00
" Sap	2 50	@	3 00
WHISKEY, ꝑ gallon Northern	1 00	@	2 10

MARINE DIRECTORY

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 14, 1901.

STEAMSHIPS.

Jessmore, (Br) 1,548 tons, Taylor, Alexander Sprunt & Son.
Spennymore, (Br) 1,749 tons, Nairm, Heide & Co.

SCHOONERS.

Addie P McFadden, 199 tons, Stewart, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Mabel Darling, (Br) 112 tons, Roberts, J A Springer & Co.
Abbie G Cole, 232 tons, Cole, George Harriss, Son & Co.
Chas C Lister, 267 tons, Moore, George Harriss, Son & Co
D J Sawyer, 267 tons, Kelly, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARQUES.

Hutitu, (Nor) 635 tons, Eilertsen, Heide & Co.
Albatross, (Nor) 491 tons, Rasmussen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—498 bales cotton, 4 barrels tar.

W. C. & A. Railroad—620 bales cotton, 26 barrels rosin, 35 barrels tar, 127 barrels crude turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—22 bales cotton, 21 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—265 bales cotton, 7 casks spirits turpentine, 200 barrels rosin, 63 barrels tar.

W. & N. Railroad—148 bales cotton, 2 casks spirits turpentine, 98 barrels rosin.

Steamer Highlander—100 bales cotton, 10 casks spirits turpentine, 32 barrels rosin, 218 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Schooner Leah—2 casks spirits turpentine, 7 barrels tar.

C. Larkin's Flat—3 bales cotton, 12 barrels tar, 9 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,656 bales cotton, 21 casks spirits turpentine, 356 barrels rosin, 360 barrels tar, 137 barrels crude turpentine.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 13.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at 95c per barrel for strained and $1.00 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE—Market quiet at $1.10 per barrel for hard, $2.00 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine steady at 37@36½c; rosin firm at $1.20@1.25; tar steady at $1.40; crude turpentine quiet at $1.30 @2.30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	21
Rosin	356
Tar	360
Crude turpentine	137

Receipts same day last year—78 casks spirits turpentine, 132 barrels rosin, 787 barrels tar, 149 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5 7-16	cts	ꝑ ℔
Good ordinary	6 13-16	"	"
Low middling	7 7-16	"	"
Middling	7⅞	"	"
Good middling	8 3-16	"	"

Same day last year, market firm at 9⅛c for middling.

Receipts—1,656 bales; same day last year, 495.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm: 80@82½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 13@14c; sides, 13@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 20@21c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@22c; springs, 10@20c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 10@12½c; live, 8@9c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Money on call was firm at 3@5 per cent., closing bid and asked 3, ruling rate — per day. Prime mercantile paper 4½@5 per cent. Sterling exchange steadier, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486½@486¼ for demand and at 482¾@482⅞ for sixty days. Posted rates were 483½@484 and 487@487½. Commercial bills 482@482½. Bar silver 55. Mexican dollars 43⅝. Government bonds steady. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds irregular. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108½; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109; U. S. 3's, reg'd 108⅜; do. coupon, 108⅜; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 139½; do. coupon 139⅜; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 111¼; do. coupon, 112⅝; U. S. 5's, do. reg'd, 107¼; coupon, 107½; Southern Railway 5's 121. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 101⅛; Chesapeake & Ohio 45½; Manhattan L, ex dix. 132½; N. Y. Central 162½; Reading 47⅜; do. 1st pref'd 78⅜; do. 2nd pref'd 56½; St. Paul 159⅝; do. pref'd, 186½; Southern R'way 32¼; do. pref'd 91⅝; Amalgamated Copper 66⅛; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 98¼; Sugar 120½; Tennessee Coal and Iron 60; U. S. Leather 11⅛; do. pref'd, 81⅛; Western Union 91¼; U. S. Steel 40⅜; do. preferred 90⅞; Mexican National 13⅜; American Locomotive 30⅛; do. preferred 87¼; Standard Oil 690@695; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., —; do. preferred, unquoted.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 13.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26⅛@26⅜; do, preferred, 50⅛@50⅜; do 4s 85⅜@85½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Rosin steady. Spirits turpentine steady.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 13.—Spirits turpentine firm at 34½c; sales 115 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 500 barrels.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 13.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35⅜c; receipts 933 casks; sales 641 casks; exports 199 casks. Rosin firm; receipts 4,397 barrels; sales 3,600 barrels; exports 3,685 barrels Quote: A, B, C, D, $1 10; E, $1 15; F, $1 25; G, $1 30; H, $1 45; I, $1 70; K, $2 25; M, $2 65; N, $3 25; W G, $3 60; W W, $3 85.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The cotton market opened easy, with prices four to six points lower, and was weak for a time under liquidation and pressure from room bears who took every advantage of tame speculation and the continued absence of Liverpool news. Liverpool's closing cables of yesterday gave an advance of four to four and a half points. The wire trouble continued to-day and the local trade was without information up to the closing. Heavy port receipts tended to check any disposition to buy for the moment. January eased off to 8 12 and May to 8.16. Before midday, however, there was a change for the better in the whole ruling of the market on official estimates for light receipts to-morrow, bullish spot market news and a much smaller "in sight" movement than predicted. The Continent and the South bought here from time to time and some cotton was picked up by New England spinners. During the afternoon shorts had a trying time of it in getting back cotton sold in the morning and prices steadily improved to the top notch for the day. Wall street supported March and May, while commission houses bought moderately throughout the list. The weakness in the stock market and the irregular movement of money had a disturbing effect indirectly upon cotton. The close was quiet and steady, with prices net one point higher to two points lower.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Cotton quiet at 8⅛c; net receipts 1,325 bales; gross 4,815 bales; stock 101,778 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet; middling uplands 8⅛c; middling gulf 8⅜c; sales 700 bales.

Futures closed quiet and steady: December 8.21, January 8.17, February 8.19, March 8.21, April 8.21, May 8.22, June 8 21, July 8.18, August 8.04, September 7.80.

Total to-day—Net receipts 59,029 bales; exports to Great Britain 16,398 bales; exports to France 6,474 bales; exports to the Continent 32,704 bales; stock 884,437 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 301,870 bales; exports to Great Britain 94,184 bales; exports to France 23,122 bales; exports to the Continent 100,609 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 3,991,635 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,434,264 bales; exports to France 362,393 bales; exports to the Continent 1,145,028 bales.

December 13.—Galveston, steady at 8⅛c, net receipts 16,348 bales; Norfolk, firm at 8c, net receipts 3,698 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8⅛c, net receipts 2,405 bales; Boston, quiet at 8⅜, net receipts 588 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7⅞c, net receipts 1,656 bales; Philadelphia, firm at 8⅜c, net receipts 125 bales; Savannah, steady at 7⅞c, net receipts 19,573 bales; New Orleans, steady at 8c, net receipts 11,718 bales; Mobile, nominal at 7⅞c, net receipts 431 bales; Memphis, steady at 7 15-16c, net receipts 2,640 bales; Augusta, quiet at 8 1-16c, net receipts 2,584 bales; Charleston, firm at 7⅞c, net receipts 3,201 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Flour market was fairly steady but dull, closing a little better in tone with wheat; Minnesota patents $3 85@4 10. Wheat—spot firm; No. 2 red 86½c. Options had a steady opening on short demand. After a slight reaction they again advanced and ruled firm all day, with shorts the principal buyers. Corn led the strength; outsiders took little part. Closed strong and ⅛c net higher: May closed strong at ⅞@1c net advance. Transactions included: March closed 86⅛c; May closed 85⅛c; July closed 85⅜; December closed 83⅛c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2, 69⅜c. Options made sharp gains to-day on an active scare of shorts, following manipulation by leading Chicago bulls and fears that receipts will be affected by the Western storm. Finally the market closed 71⅛c; December closed 70⅛c. Oats—spot firm; No. 2, 51⅛c. Options firmer and active, with corn. Lard easy; Western steamed $10 17½; refined easy; continent $10 25; South American $11 00; compound 7⅞@8⅛c. Tallow was firmer; city ($2 package) 6c; country (packages free) 6⅛@6½c. Coffee—Spot Rio firm, steady; No. 7 invoice 6⅜c; mild steady; Cordova 7½@11c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 9-32c; centrifugal 96 test, 3¾c; refined steady. Pork firm: family $17 00@17 50; short clear $18 50@20 00; mess $16 25@17 25. Butter was unsettled; creamery 16@24c; State dairy 15@23c. Cheese firm; late made best large 9¾c; late made best small 10@10½c. Rice quiet. Eggs firm; State and Pennsylvania 26@27c; Southern at mark 20@25c. Potatoes steady; Jerseys $1 50@2 12½; New York $2 25@2 62½; Long Island $2 50@275; Jersey sweets $2 00@3 00. Cabbage steady; Long Island Flat Dutch, per 100, $2 00@3 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4@4½c; other domestic 2¼@3¼c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 13. Cotton seed oil—With continued light offerings the market gained further strength, advancing on a fair trade in off and prime summer yellow. Quotations: Prime crude in barrels nominal; prime summer yellow 40½@41c; off summer yellow 39½@40c; prime white 43@44c; prime winter yellow 43@44c; prime meal $26 00.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—A small revival of buying and a tendency to retain holdings in grains led to bullish activity again to-day, and prices, after touching the lowest point in a week, started upwards again. May wheat closed ⅛c higher, May corn ⅞@1c higher, and May oats ½c higher. Provisions closed a shade higher to 2½c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 13.—Cash quotations: Flour steady. Wheat—No. 3 spring 72@76c; No. 2 red 80@83c. Corn—No. 2 —c; No. 2 yellow —c. Oats—No. 2 46½c; No. 2 white 48½@49¼c; No. 3 white 47½@48½c. Mess pork, per barrel, $15 30@15 40. Lard, per 100 lbs., $9 82½@9 85. Short rib sides, loose, $8 30@8 50. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $7 37½@7 62½. Short clear sides boxed, $8 80@8 90 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 75⅛, 76½, 75⅛, 76½c; May 79⅛@79¼, 80⅛, 79, 80⅛c; July 79⅜, 80⅛@80½, 79, 80⅜c. Corn—No. 2 December 63¾@63½, 64⅜, 63⅜, 64½c; May 66⅛@66⅜, 67⅛, 66¼, 67⅛@67¼c; July 66⅜@66⅛, 67, 66⅛, 66⅞c Oats—December 44¼, 45¼, 44⅛, 45⅛c; May 45⅛@45¼, 45¾@45⅞, 45, 45¾@45⅞c; July 39⅜, 40¼, 39⅞, 40c Mess pork, per bbl—January $16 37½, 16 37, 16 32½, 16 32½; May $16 88, 16 85, 16 67½, 16 77½. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $9 85, 9 87½, 9 80, 9 82½; May $9 82½, 9 85, 9 75, 9 82½ Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 40, 8 40, 8 37½, 8 40; May $8 55, 8 57½, 8 50, 8 57½.

FOREIGN MARKET

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 13, 4:30 P. M.—Cotton: Spot, moderate business; prices steady; American middling 4 19-32d. The sales of the day were 8,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 6,900 bales American. Receipts 18,000 bales, including 10,200 bales American.

Futures opened quiet and closed steady; American middling (g. o. c.) December 4 35-64d buyer; December and January 4 34-64d seller; January and February 4 33-64d seller; February and March 4 32-64@4 33-64d seller; March and April 4 32-64d seller; April and May 4 32-64d seller; May and June 4 31-64@4 32-64d buyer; June and July 4 34-64d buyer; July and August 4 31-64d seller; August and September 4 26-64@4 27-64d buyer.

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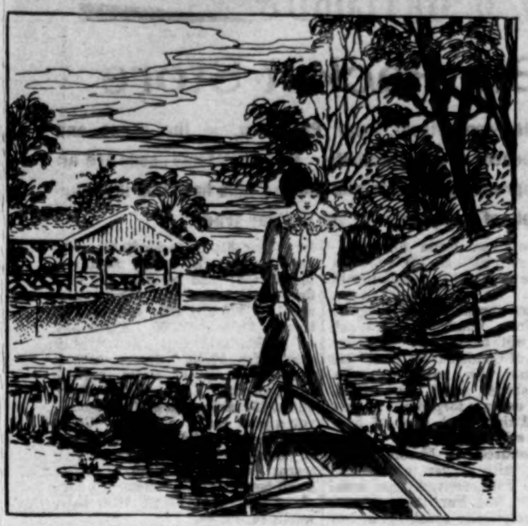

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SOME LOST SECRETS.

FAMOUS PROCESSES THAT WERE KNOWN TO THE ANCIENTS.

Things That Our Forefathers Were Able to Do That We Now Find Well Nigh Impossible—Cement of the Greeks and Romans.

Taking into consideration the marvelous strides we have made in almost every branch of knowledge during the last 200 or 300 years, it seems exceedingly strange that our forefathers should have been able to do things which we find impossible and that we cannot discover secrets which were almost common knowledge hundreds of years ago. But despite the fact that the average modern man knows more than did the learned men of long ago, there are mysteries of knowledge and science which our most advanced scientists cannot solve.

Thousands of years ago, for instance, the Egyptians used to embalm the bodies of their dead kings and nobility so perfectly that the bodies are in wonderful preservation today, as may be seen at the British museum. Clever as we are in this age, we cannot do the same. The valuable secret is lost and modern science cannot recover the lost knowledge. We can, of course, and we do embalm bodies, but only for temporary preservation and, comparatively speaking, in a most unsatisfactory manner. Bodies which are embalmed nowadays will not be preserved for more than a few days at most. Very many of the bodies the Egyptians embalmed before the birth of Christ are still so perfect that the lines of their faces are still as clearly marked as when they were first embalmed.

Sheffield turns out the finest, hardest and most perfect steel the world produces, but even Sheffield cannot produce a sword blade to compare with those the Saracens made and used hundreds of years ago, and the Saracens never possessed the machinery we have or had the advantage of knowing so much about metals as we are supposed to know. A huge fortune awaits the man who discovers the secret which enabled the Saracens to make sword blades so keen and hard that they could cut in two most of the swords used today.

There are a dozen different methods of making artificial diamonds, but none of the stones produced by these methods can compare with those made of old French paste, the secret of which is lost. So perfect were paste diamonds that it was difficult for even a person with expert knowledge of diamonds to tell that they were artificially produced, whereas most of the modern artificial diamonds can easily be detected, and their durability is nothing like so great as the old paste diamonds.

Probably not one out of every ten thousand buildings standing in all parts of the world, and built by modern masons, will still be standing 500 years hence. We do not know how to put stones and bricks together as the ancients did, and consequently the buildings we raise nowadays are really mere temporary structures and will be in ruins when the ancient buildings of Greece and Italy, which were built thousands of years ago, are in as good condition as they are now. The secret is not in the bricks or the stone, but in the cement and mortar, neither of which essentials can we make as the ancients made them.

In modern buildings the cement and mortar are the weakest points; in buildings which the Romans and Greeks raised thousands of years ago the cement and mortar are the strongest points and hold good while the very stones they bind together crumble away with age. We cannot, with all our science, make such cement and mortar, and therefore we cannot build such buildings as the ancients raised.

Chemistry, one might imagine, is the science which has, perhaps, made the greatest strides. Yet modern chemists cannot compound such dyes as were commonly used when the great nations of today were still unborn. Now and again it happens that searchers after antiquities come across fragments of fabrics which were dyed thousands of years ago, and they are astonished by the wonderful richness of the colors of the cloths, which, despite their age, are brighter and purer than anything we can produce.

Modern artists buy their colors ready made and spend large sums on pigments with which to color their canvases. The pictures of modern artists will be colorless when many of the works of ancient masters are as bright as they are today. Just as the secret of dyeing has been lost, so has the secret of preserving the colors of artists' paints. Yet the secret was known to every ancient artist, for they all mixed their own colors.

How to make durable ink is another great secret we have lost. Look at any letter five or ten years old and you will probably notice that the writing has faded to a brown color and is very indistinct. Go to any big museum and you will find ancient MSS., the writing of which is as black and distinct as if the MSS. were written the day before yesterday.

The secret of glass blowing and tinting is not yet entirely lost. There are still a few men who can produce glass work equal to the things of this kind which the ancients turned out hundreds of years ago. But the average glass manufacturer cannot produce anything that could at all compare with some of the commoner articles the Egyptians, and later, the founders of Venice, manufactured, and those who still hold the ancient secret guard it so closely that it will probably die with them and be added to the long list of things in which our ancestors beat us hollow.—Exchange.

General Lee's Answer.

After the surrender of Appomattox, General Wise came riding down the road furiously to where General Lee and his staff were grouped. He was splashed with mud from head to heels, and there were great splotches of mud dried and caked upon his face. Addressing General Lee, he asked in a theatrical voice, "Is it true, General Lee, that you have surrendered?"

"Yes, General Wise, it is true."

"I wish, then, to ask you one question, What is going to become of my brigade, General Lee, and what is going to become of me?"

General Lee looked at the splashed warrior for a full minute and then said calmly and in a low tone, "General Wise, go and wash your face."

How to Clean Silver.

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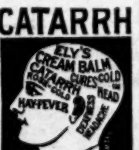

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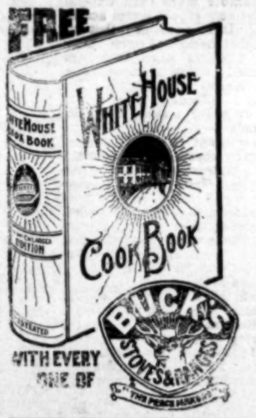

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TRAIN 40 Leaves Charlotte 5:00 A. M., Hamlet at 7:20 A. M., arrives Maxton 8:59 A. M., Pembroke 9:30 A. M., Lumberton 9:51 A. M., Wilmington 12.05 noon.

WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet....................	10 35 p m	6 35 a m
Ar Monroe..................	12 15 a m	8.20 a m
Ar Charlotte................	....	9 23 a m
Ar Chester..................	1.35 a m	9 45 a m
Ar Greenwood	3.43 a m	11.52 p m
Ar Athens..................	6 13 a m	2 18 p m
Ar Atlanta..................	8.50 a m	4.55 p m

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Lv Hamlet..................	10.35 p m	6.40 a m
Ar Columbia................	1 05 a m	8.40 a m
Ar Savannah................	4 40 a m	12 05 p m
Ar Jacksonville.............	9.05 a m	3 59 p m
Ar Tampa...................	5.40 p m	5.00 a m

NORTHBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Lv Hamlet..................	11.00 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh..................	2.00 a m	1.05 a m
Ar Norlina..................	3.50 a m	11.05 p m
Ar Portsmouth Ar Norfolk	7.15 a m	5.25 p m

Lv Hamlet..........	10.40 p m	7.25 a m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh..........	1 30 a m	10.15 a m	11.00 a m
Ar Norlina..........	3 30 a m	11.55 a m	1 05 p m
Ar Petersburg.......	5 54 a m	2.26 p m	4 55 p m
Ar Richmond........	6.35 a m	3 05 p m	5 45 p m
Ar Washington.......	10.10 a m	6.35 p m	9 30 p m
Ar Baltimore........	11.25 a m	11.25 p m	11.25 p m
Ar New York........	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.10 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 1.00 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m.; Richmond 10 40 p. m.; Portsmouth 8.50 p. m.; Norfolk 8.30 p. m.; Raleigh 3.35 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 6.20 a. m. From train 38, leaving Atlanta 8 00 p. m.; Athens 11.23 p. m.; Chester 4.00 a. m.; Charlotte 5.00 a. m.; Monroe 5.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.00 a. m.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 16.

To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21. 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST.			GOING WEST.	
3 Pass'g'r Trains		STATIONS.	4 Pass'g'r Trains	
Arrive	Leave		Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro.......	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston.........	10 12	....
5 40	5 50	Newbern.......	8 37	9 00
7 02	7 07	Morehead City.	7 22	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 23 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

WILMINGTON SEACOAST R. R.

On and after Monday, September 23rd, 1901 the schedule on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad will be as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

Leave Wilmington.	Leave Wrightsville.
2 30 P. M.	8 15 A. M.
6 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.

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DEPART[illegible] [illegible] WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9[illegible] [illegible] Passenger [illegible] 1 45 [illegible] War[illegible] [illegible] 53 [illegible] 53 [illegible] 6 P [illegible] 45 [illegible] 14 P [illegible] 4. 5 A [illegible] New York 7 1 [illegible] M., [illegible] 3.0. A. M.

DAILY 7.00 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.3[illegible] P. M., Warsaw [illegible] 0 P. M., Goldsboro [illegible] M., Wilson [illegible] M., Tarboro 9 3 [illegible] 8 P. M., [illegible] 7 [illegible] 10 P. M., Petersburg 3 18 A. M., [illegible] 3.17 A. M. Washington 7 39 A. M., Baltimore 9 0 A. M. Philadelphia 11.1 A. M. New York 1 4 P. M., Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.25 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville [illegible] P. M., Newbern [illegible] M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY except Sunday 6 00 A. M. No. 51—Due Lake Waccamaw 7.10 A. M., Chadbourn, 7 41 A. M., Marion 8.45 A. M., Florence 9.25 A. M., Lanes 11 26 A. M., Charleston 1 10 P. M.

DAILY 3.45 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 4.55 P. M., Chadbourn 5.30 P. M. Marion 6.40 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9 15 P. M., Columbia 10.40 P. M. Denmark 6.14 A. M., Augusta 8,10 A. M. Macon 11.15 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M. Charleston 11.15 P. M., Savannah 5.00 A. M., Jacksonville 8.30 A. M., St. Augustine 10 50 A. M., Tampa 10.00 P. M.

WEST BOUND.

DAILY 9.10 A. M. No. 53—Passenger—Due Fayetteville 12.20 P.M., leaves Fayetteville 12.42 P. M., arrives Sanford 1.58 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 6.00 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave Boston †1.30 P. M., New York *9.30 P. M., Philadelphia 12.20 A. M., Baltimore 2.55 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 9.48 A. M., Norfolk 9.00 A. M., Weldon 11.50 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M. Rocky Mount 12.53 P. M., Wilson 2.40 P. M., Goldsboro 3.15 P. M. Warsaw 4.10 P. M., Magnolia 4.25 P. M.

DAILY 9.25 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.25 A. M., Philadelphia 12.0[illegible] P. M., Baltimore 2.16 P. M., Washington 3.45 P. M., Richmond 7.23 P. M., Petersburg 7 59 P. M., ‡Norfolk 4 00 P. M., Weldon 9.38 P. M., †Tarboro 7.42 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.15 A. M. Leave Wilson 5.57 A. M., Goldsboro 6.48 A. M., Warsaw 7.30 A. M., Magnolia 7.53 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 12.15 P. M. No. 61—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.26 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY except Sunday 11.30 P. M. No. 50—Leave Charleston 4 30 P. M., Lanes 6.06 P. M., Florence 8 15 P. M., Marion 8.54 P. M., Chadbourn 9 53 P. M., Lake Waccamaw 10 21 P. M.

DAILY 1.4[illegible] P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 9:40 A. M., Sanford [illegible] P. M., Jacksonville 8.30 P. M., Savannah 1.21 A. M., Charleston 6.45 A. M., Atlanta 7.50 A. M., Macon 9.00 A. M., Augusta 2.30 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Columbia 6.15 A. M., Sumter 8.19 P. M., Florence 10.10 A. M., Marion 10.53 A. M., Chadbourn 11 58 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.29 A. M.

EAST BOUND.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 52—Passenger—Leave Sanford 3.05 P. M., arrive Fayetteville 4.20 P. M., leave Fayetteville 4.30 P. M.

Bennettsville Branch—Train leaves Bennettsville 8.10 A. M. Maxton 9.05 A. M., Red Springs 9.32 A. M., Parkton 10.05 A. M., arrive Fayetteville 11.10 A. M. Returning leaves Fayetteville 4.40 P. M., Hope Mills 5.00 P. M., Red Springs 5.43 P. M., Maxton 6.16 P. M., arrives Bennettsville 7.15 P. M.

Connections at Fayetteville with No. 73, at Maxton with the Carolina Central Railroad, at Red Springs with the Red Springs and Bowmore Railroad, at Sanford with the Seaboard Air Line and Southern Railway, at Gulf with the Durham and Charlotte Railroad.

Train between Rocky Mount and Richmond leaves Rocky Mount 7.15 A. M., arrive Weldon 8.17 A. M., arrive Petersburg 10 18 A. M., arrives Richmond 11.10 A. M.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.15 P. M., Halifax 3.29 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 4.10 P. M., Greenville 5.47 P. M., Kinston 6.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.30 A. M., Greenville 8.30 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.05 A. m., Weldon 11.20 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.00 A. M. and 2.45 P. M.; arrive Parmele 8.55 A. M. and 4.10 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 11.10 A. M. and 5.22 P. M.; arrives Washington 12 30 A. M. and 6.15 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; Sunday, 4.35 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 6.35 P. M. and 6.30 P. M. Returning leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7 30 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 9 55 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Trains leave Goldsboro daily except Sunday 5.00 A. M., arriving Smithfield 6.10 A. M. Returning leaves Smithfield 7:00 A. M., arrives at Goldsboro 8:25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 9 30 A. M., 4.00 P. M.; arrives Nashville 10.20 A. M., 4.23 P. M., Spring Hope 11.05 A. M., 4.45 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 11.30 A. M., 5.15 P. M., Nashville 11.45 A. M., 5.45 P. M., arrives at Rocky Mount 12.10 A. M., 6.23 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leaves Warsaw for Clinton, daily, except Sunday, 11.40 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning, leaves Clinton 6.45 A. M. and 2.50 P. M.

Train leaves Pee Dee 10.13 A. M., arrive Latta 10.45 A. M., Dillon 10.58 A. M., Rowland 11.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.10 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.31 P. M., Latta 6.44 P. M., Pee Dee 7.08 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Chadbourn 12.01 P. M.; arrive Conway 2.20 P. M.; returning leave Conway 2.55 P. M. arrive Chadbourn 5.20 P. M., leave Chadbourn 5 35 P. M.; arrive Elrod 8.10 A. M., returning leave Elrod 8.40 A. M., arrive Chadbourn 11.25 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Sumter 6.20 P. M., Manning 6.56 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.20 A. M., Manning 9.00 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.42 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., †7.00 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10 A. M., †8.20 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.30 A. M.; †4.15 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M.; †5.35 P. M.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 10.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M., Hartsville 9.55 P. M., Cheraw 11.45 A. M., Wadesboro 12.50 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Bennettsville 9.22 P. M., Gibson 10.20 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 10.05 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.30 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.05 A. M. Bennettsville 7.05 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.15 A. M. Leave Darlington 8:50 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Hartsville 7.25 A. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington 8.50 A. M., arrive Florence 9.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.59 P. M., 11.10 P. M., arrive Selma 2.48 P. M. 11.59 P. M., Smithfield 3.03 P. M., Dunn 3.40 P. M. Fayetteville 4.25 P. M., 1 10 A. M., Rowland 6.10 P. M. returning leave Rowland 11.15 A. M., Fayetteville 12.35 P. M., 10 07 P. M., Dunn 1.24 P. M., Smithfield 2.03 P. M., Selma 2.10 P. M., 11.25 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.57 P. M. 12.07 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.28 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M., arrive Denmark 6.14 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.26 P. M. Sumter 6.19 P. M. Daily.

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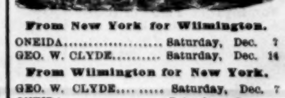

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 14.

TRIAL OF MRS. BONINE FOR MURDER OF AYRES.

Jury Returned a Verdict of Not Guilty After Being Out About Four Hours. Mrs. Bonine's Demeanor

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, December 13.—The jury in the trial of Lola Ida Bonine, accused of the murder of James Seymour Ayres, Jr., the young census office clerk killed in the Kenmore hotel last Spring, to-night returned a a verdict of not guilty, after being out about four hours.

Such a conclusion of the trial was generally expected, the popular impression being that from the evidence submitted the prosecution had failed to prove its case against Mrs. Bonine. The jury was out less than five hours, retiring a few minutes after 4 o'clock in the afternoon and reporting their verdict shortly before 9 o'clock this evening. The attendance in the court room when the jury returned was limited to the members of the bar, representatives of the press, and the employes of the court. There was some little attempt at a demonstration of approval, but this was quickly suppressed by Judge Anderson, who previously had warned the spectators against manifestations of any character.

Mrs. Bonine maintained the calm demeanor which has characterized her conduct throughout the trial and smiled approvingly when the jury returned its verdict. Her husband threw his arms affectionately around her neck and kissed her, followed by her sons and sisters and brothers, who clustered around her, embracing and kissing her. Others in the court room also added their congratulations.

After leaving the court house Mrs. Bonine accompanied her husband to their home, where they will reside in the future.

The trial of Mrs. Bonine had been in progress for almost four weeks and attracted more attention than any trial before the local courts in years. Extraordinary interest was caused in the tragedy at the time young Ayres was killed because of the mystery which surrounded the case, until the statement made by Mrs. Bonine of her part in the tragedy while the coroner's inquest was in session. She said she was the only person in the room when young Ayres was shot and that he was killed in a struggle with her over the possession of the revolver with which he was trying to frighten her into compliance with his demands. Mrs. Bonine had been in jail since the tragedy. She did not go on the stand during the trial.

RACES AT CHARLESTON.

To Begin On Monday—There Are 275 Horses Now On the Grounds.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 13.—All is in readiness to begin the race meeting here Monday. The officials who are to preside are on the grounds and the town is crowded with enthusiastic race followers from every section of the country and every incoming train has reinforcements. There are 275 horses now quartered at the Exposition grounds.

Gov. McSweeney will be present for the opening if his executive duties will permit him. The Governor is taking a great interest in the meeting and he has endorsed a letter written by the president of the Exposition to August Belmont, chairman of the Eastern Jockey Club, requesting the latter to sanction the Charleston meeting. From present indications eight books will go on on the the opening day.

MURPHY & COMPANY.

New York Brokers Say E. L. Powell Was Not Their Manager.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Murphy & Co., brokers, issued a statement today to the effect that E. L. Powell, who left Wilson, N. C., a few days ago, on finding himself unable to pay certain claims, was not manager for Murphy & Co., and that at the time he left Wilson the firm was indebted to him in the sum of $700.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, December 13th, 1901.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 13th, 1901:

	1901.	1900.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week	301,870	309,884
Total receipts to this date	3,991 635	3,961,807
Exports for week	217,925	175,442
Total exports to date	2,941,685	2,782,958
Stock in all U. S. ports	884,437	904,464
Stock at all interior towns	665,866	723,196
Stock in Liverpool,	594,000	509,000
American afloat for Great Britain	373,000	324,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec 13—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1901: Galveston, 1,152 821 bales; New Orleans, 1,109,000; Mobile, 104,046; Savannah, 698,037; Charleston, 163 380; Wilmington, 190.837; Norfolk, 247,161; Baltimore, 40 097; New York, 72,737; Boston, 42,147; Newport News, 6,896; Philadelphia, 11,564; Fernandina, 2,000; Brunswick, 66,576; Port Arthur, 14,130; Pensacola, 70,206. Total, 3,991,635 bales.

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SCHLEY NAVAL COURT OF INQUIRY

Came to a Close Yesterday After a Session of Nearly Three Months.

TWO REPORTS SUBMITTED.

Admiral Dewey Makes Separate Report, Finding Schley Blameless and Declares He is Entitled to Credit for Victory at Santiago.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The report of the Schley Court of Inquiry was promulgated by Secretary Long tonight. There are two reports. Admiral Benham and Admiral Ramsay concur in the first, which is signed by Admiral Dewey also, as a matter of form, and Admiral Dewey makes a separate report.

The majority opinion finds, in brief, that Admiral Schley should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch to Cienfuegos and maintained a close blockade; that he should have endeavored to have obtained information of the Spanish squadron there; that he should have proceeded to Santiago with dispatch; that he should not have made the retrograde movement; that he should have obeyed the department's orders; that he should have endeavored to have captured the Spanish vessels in Santiago; that he did not do his utmost to destroy the Colon; that he caused the squadron to lose distance in the loop of the Brooklyn; that he thereby caused the Texas to back; that he did injustice to Hodgson; that his conduct in the campaign was characterized by vacillation and dilatoriness and lack of enterprise; that his official reports on the coal supply were misleading and inaccurate, and that his conduct during the battle was self-possessed and he encouraged in his own person his subordinate officers and men.

Admiral Dewey, in his report, says that the passage to Cienfuegos was made with all dispatch; that in view of his coal supply the blockade of Cienfuegos was effective; that he allowed the Adula to enter Cienfuegos to get information; that his passage to Santiago was with as much dispatch as possible, keeping the squadron together; that the blockade of Santiago was effective and finally that he was the senior officer off Santiago, in absolute command, and entitled to the credit due for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish fleet.

Opinion of the Court.

Commodore Schley, in command of the flying squadron, should have proceeded with the utmost dispatch off Cienfuegos and should have maintained a close blockade of that port.

He should have endeavored, on May 23d, at Cienfuegos, to obtain information regarding the Spanish squadron by communicating with the insurgents at the place designated in the memoranda delivered to him at 8:15 A. M. of that date.

He should have proceeded from Cienfuegos to Santiago de Cuba with all dispatch, and should have disposed his vessels with a view of intercepting the enemy in any attempt to pass the flying squadron.

He should not have delayed the squadron for the Eagle.

He should not have made the retrograde westward with his squadron.

He should have promptly obeyed the Navy Department's orders of May 25th.

He should have endeavored to capture or destroy the Spanish vessels at anchor near the entrance of Santiago harbor on May 29th and 30th.

He did not do his utmost with the force under his command to capture or destroy the Colon and other vessels of the enemy which he attacked on May 31st.

By commencing the engagement on July 3rd with the port battery, and turning the Brooklyn around with port helm, Commodore Schley caused her to lose distance and position with the Spanish vessels—especially with the Viscaya and Colon.

The turn of the Brooklyn to starboard was made to avoid getting her into dangerous proximity to the Spanish vessels. The turn was made towards the Texas and caused that vessel to stop and back her engines to avoid possible collision.

Admiral Schley did injustice to Lieut. Commander Hodgson in publishing only a portion of the correspondence which passed between them.

Commodore Schley's conduct in connection with the events of the Santiago campaign prior to June 1, 1898, was characterized by vacillation, dilatoriness and lack of enterprise.

His official reports regarding the coal supply and the coaling facilities of the flying squadron were inaccurate and misleading.

His conduct during the battle of July 3rd was self-possessed and he encouraged, in his own person, his subordinate officers and men to fight courageously.

Admiral Dewey's Report.

In the opinion of the undersigned the passage from Key West to Cienfuegos was made by the flying squadron with all possible dispatch, Commodore Schley having in view the importance of arriving off Cienfuegos with as much coal as possible in the ships' bunkers.

The blockage of Cienfuegos was effective.

Commodore Schley in permitting the steamer Adula to enter the port of Cienfuegos expected to obtain information concerning the Spanish squadron from her when she came out.

The passage from Cienfuegos to a point about twenty-two miles south of Santiago was made with as much dispatch as was possible, while keeping the squadron a unit.

The blockade of Santiago was effective.

Commodore Schley was the senior officer of our squadron off Santiago when the Spanish squadron attempted to escape on the morning of July 3rd, 1898. He was in absolute command and is entitled to the credit due to such commanding officer for the glorious victory which resulted in the total destruction of the Spanish ships.

Recommendation.

In view of the length of time which has elapsed since the occurrence of the events of the Santiago campaign, the court recommends no further proceedings be had in the premises.

GEORGE DEWEY,
Admiral, U. S. N., President.
SAM. C. LEMLY,
Judge Advocate General, U. S. N., Judge Advocate.

At the Navy Department.

It is said at the Navy Department that there will be no further proceedings in this celebrated case on the department's initiative. Secretary Long and Judge Advocate Lemly positively decline to discuss the findings in any phase. The secretary received the reports at 5 o'clock this evening and he has not yet acted upon them. It is probable that he will simply append his signature with the words "approved" to the whole record. The court itself recommends no further proceedings, owing to lapse of time.

A representative of the Associated Press conveyed the first information of the findings of the court to Admiral Schley. He was seated in the public reception room of a hotel, chatting with friends and several newspaper men and evinced no signs of nervousness over the outcome.

When the conclusions of Admiral Dewey were read to him Admiral Schley showed his pleasure, and it was evident from his manner that he regarded the statements from Admiral Dewey as a vindication of his course. He declined to make any statement concerning the court's findings and excusing himself from the little company which had gathered about him went to his apartments where Mrs. Schley had been anxiously waiting to hear the court's decision. Later, the official copy was brought to the hotel by a messenger from the Navy Department.

"I am absolutely satisfied that the opinion of the two judges is at total variance with the opinion of the country, and that this will not by any means terminate the controversy. I shall advise the admiral to fight it to a finish, to open it by every appeal that is possible, Congressional or otherwise, and I believe that the sentiment of the whole country will uphold him in his resolve not to let the judgment stand."

Rayner Disappointed.

BALTIMORE, December 13.—Isidor Rayner showed keen disappointment when the findings of the court of inquiry were communicated to him tonight. He announced that he would go to Washington as soon as his engagements would permit, probably Monday or Tuesday, and he will counsel Admiral Schley to fight the case to a finish by every appeal that is possible. In an interview he said:

"I would prefer now not to say anything in connection with the opinion. I think the country will almost unanimously accept Mr. Dewey's judgment. The testimony was so overwhelming upon almost every one of the specifications in favor of Admiral Schley that I must confess I am utterly at a loss to understand upon what facts or upon the evidence of what witnesses the other two members of the court reached their conclusion."

NICARAGUA CANAL BILL.

House Committee Decide Unanimously to Make Favorable Report On Hepburn Bill—Measure as Agreed Upon.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—The House Committee on Interstate and Foreign Commerce at its first meeting to-day voted to favorably report the Hepburn bill providing for the construction of the Nicaragua canal. Representative Fletcher (Minnesota) was the only member voting against reporting the bill.

The unanimity of the committee to-day was gratifying to the friends of the canal measure. The motion to report the bill was made in the committee by a Democratic member, Mr. Adamson, of Georgia, and the entire Democratic membership of the committee voted for the bill. Mr. Adamson is also co-operating with Chairman Hepburn on the floor of the House with a view to securing united action when the measure comes up.

The bill as finally agreed upon authorizes the President to acquire the necessary territory from Costa Rica and Nicaragua for the construction of the canal and the money to secure such control is appropriated. It is made the duty of the Secretary of War to excavate and construct the canal "from a point on the shore of the Caribbean sea, near Greytown, by way of Lake Nicaragua, to a point near Brito, on the Pacific ocean. Such canal shall be of sufficient capacity and depth as that it may be used by vessels of the largest tonnage and greatest draft now in use and shall be supplied with all necessary locks and other appliances to meet the necessities of vessels passing from Greytown to Brito, and the Secretary of War shall also construct such safe and commodious harbors at the termini of said canal and such provisions for defence as may be necessary for the safety and protection of said canal and harbors."

The San Juan river and Lake Nicaragua shall be used in the construction of the canal. Agreement may be made with Costa Rica and Nicaragua upon terms for the use of the canal. Ten millions are appropriated toward the project, the total sum not to exceed in the aggregate $180,000,000.

THE MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

Amount Brought Into Sight—Receipts at the Ports—Foreign Exports—Mill Takings—Stocks at Seaboard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

NEW ORLEANS, December 13.—Secretary Hester's weekly statement, issued to day, shows for the thirteen days of December a decrease in the amount of cotton brought into sight under last year of 34,000 bales, and an increase over the same period for year before last of 130,000 bales. For the 104 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the 104 days of last year 68,000 bales, and ahead of the same days year before last 391,000 bales.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 430,566 bales, against 461,204 for the same seven days last year and 351,123 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports of 4,035,268 bales, against 3,935,304 last year; overland across the Mississippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 465,029 bales, against 593,861; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 509,796 bales, against 650,683 last year, and Southern mill takings 593,000 bales, against 491,690 bales.

The total movement since September 1st is 6,563,091 bales, against 5,571,538 last year and 5,212,415 year before last.

Foreign exports for the week have been 222,860 against 187,715 last year, making the total thus far for the season 2,989,022 against 2,775,421 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada, thus far for the season, have been 1,429,947 against 1,400,148 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 86,497 against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 149,619.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop the supply to date is 5,962,7,78 against 5,794,072 for the same period last year.

Daniel C. Gilman, of Baltimore, was yesterday re-elected president of the Civil Service Reform League.

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TARIFF BILL FOR THE PHILIPPINES.

Reported Favorably to the House From the Committee On Ways and Means.

MINORITY REPORT PRESENTED

Opposes the Whole Policy of the Majority in Dealing With the Philippines—The Measure But Another Step In the Line of Imperialism.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Chairman Payne, of the Committee on Ways and Means, to-day presented the majority report on the Phillippine tariff bill. It says in part:

This bill is designed to raise revenue for the government and benefit of the Philippine archipelago. It is intended to restore the status which existed prior to the late decision of the Supreme Court in "the diamond rings" case. Prior to that decision the government had been collecting duties on goods coming into the United States from the Philippine archipelago at the same rates as those provided in our tariff laws for like articles imported from "foreign countries."

The court holds that the Philippine archipelago is not a foreign country, and, therefore, the general tariff law does not apply. This bill extends the rate now existing upon imports from foreign countries to articles brought in from the Philippine Islands.

In the Philippine archipelago the United States Philippine commission prepared a tariff act after much care and study. Their object has been and is to raise sufficient revenue to support a government in the Philippines, to provide amply for the education of the people, to open up the highways of commerce, both foreign and domestic, and to provide ample police force for the preservation of order.

This bill proposes in the first section to make this Philippine tariff a part of the statutes of the United States.

The necessity for a continuance of revenue which shall be both ample and certain is imperative. If we continue the police and constabulary system which has been inaugurated, and which is doing so much to restore and preserve order in the islands, it will call for a large increase in appropriations. We have enrolled 150,000 school children in the public schools. Of this number more than one-half are without any school house accommodation. It is necessary that we build suitable houses at once. Four thousand teachers have been employed, nearly all of them recently, and their salaries must be paid. This great work of education must not be crippled, even for a short time, for luck of funds.

Our government has gone to work systematically through the commission for the improvement of the harbor at Manila. They have let the contract, after a public advertisement and competitive bids, to the lowest bidder. This contract calls for the expenditure of three millions of dollars in the near future. All these expenditures are preparing the way for a reduction of the army and in the end will prove of direct benefit to the taxpayers of the United States. The bill also provides for the collection of tonnage taxes on vessels plying between the the ports of the United States and the Philippine archipelago. It further provides that "vessels not of the United States may ply between these ports, notwithstanding our coastwise navigation laws, until the first day of January, 1903," when it is believed these islands may safely come under the operation of our present statutes and vessels only of the United States be employed in our commerce with them.

Minority Report.

Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, presented the minority report, signed by all the Democrats of the Ways and Means Committee except Mr. Robertson, of Louisiana. The report says in part:

"The measure is but another step in the well-marked line of imperialism. It is enacting a policy of pure colonialism, and the worst form of that policy. We are opposed to our government attempting to hold territories as colonies and treating the inhabitants thereof as subjects, and imposing upon them a government of force. This is the method of the empire instead of the republic. We oppose the whole policy of the majority in dealing with the Philippine archipelago. We believe that instead of the effort they are making to set up and hold permanent colonies there we should long since have inaugurated a policy assuring the people of these islands stable government and their ultimate independence.

"But, even if there is to be an admitted change in our institutions and our form of government and a wide departure from the old landmark of political truth, that all governments instituted by men derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and if it is admitted that we are to embark upon the dangerous and desperate policy of colony-holding and subject-governing, to none of which do we agree, even then we could not give our assent to the passage of the pending measure. The colonial plan set up by this bill is unjust and illiberal in the extreme."

The report says the Secretary of War in effect made the tax law for the Philippines and is given more power than most kings. It also says that the bill declares the Philippines foreign territory and applies Dingley law rates, and then proceeds to denounce the Dingley law as a trust-breeding measure, forcing people to pay higher prices for their goods at home than the same goods sell for abroad. It asserts that the object of the legislation is to obtain trade, and that trade could be obtained without the great expense the country is now compelled to pay. A comparison of the trade with the Philippines with the cost of maintaining the army is made, with the assertion that at the end of the next year the Philippines will have cost the United States $450,000,000. Reference is made to the loss of life incident to the operations of the army in the islands, which is declared to be of such magnitude as to shock the public mind. The report closes by saying the people of the Philippines cannot be made citizens and we cannot govern them as subjects without the most radical changes in our form and theory of government.

The Committee.

At the meeting of the Ways and Means committee to-day for the final consideration of the Philippine tariff bill, Representative Robertson (Democrat, Louisiana) announced that he would vote for the bill in the House and Representative McCall (Republican, Massachusetts) announced that he would vote against it. With these exceptions the Republicans of the committee expressed themselves in favor of the measure and the Democrats opposed to it, and by a vote of seven to five, on party lines—Messrs. McCall and Robertson answering "present," but not voting—the bill was ordered reported.

House of Representatives.

The House was in session less than an hour to-day and then adjourned until Tuesday. The bill to temporarily provide revenue for the Philippine islands was reported by Mr. Payne, and Mr. Richardson filed the minority report. By unanimous consent an order for the consideration of this bill on Tuesday and Wednesday next was adopted. It provides for general debate upon the bill until 4 o'clock on the latter day, when the previous question shall be considered as ordered and the bill be placed upon its passage. After some discussion by Messrs. Cannon, Livingston of Georgia, and Maddox of Georgia, the bill to extend the life of the Industrial Commission was passed.

The Speaker announced the appointment of the following regents of the Smithsonian Institution: Messrs. Hitt of Illinois, Adams of Pennsylvaina, and Dinsmore of Arkansas.

CHILE AND ARGENTINA.

A New Proposition for Settlement of the Trouble—Chilian Reserves Called to Arms—Everything Quiet.

By Cable to the Morning Star

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 13.—A contingent of the Chilian reserves has been called to arms. It numbers about 50,000 men. No movement of the military forces under arms has occurred, however. Everything is quiet here, in expectation of the announcement of Chile's answer to Argentina, which, according to public opinion, will be firm and serene.

Dispatches received here from Santiago de Chile say that Senor Yanez, Chilian minister of foreign affairs, has handed the basis of a new proposition to Senor Portels, the minister of the Argentine Republic to Chile, to effect the impartial and friendly settlement of the dispute between the two countries. If these bases are refused by the Argentine, Chile will make no further propositions. The refusal of the Argentine will be taken as an indication that the country desires war

MESSENGER ABSCONDED.

A Package Containing $6,000 Entrusted to Him is Missing.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MOBILE, ALA., Dec. 13.—Thursday afternoon Robert Chamblin, a messenger employed by the People's Bank, left the bank to take a package containing $6,000 to the local express office to be shipped to a Mississippi bank, and has since been missing. His departure was discovered when the bank opened this morning, but not until tonight was it discovered that he left town early to-day on the train for New Orleans. Chamblin is 21 years old, and had been in the bank's employ for several years.

STORM IN ENGLAND.

A Telegraphic Break-Down—Many Provincial Towns Snow Bound

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 13.—The storm which has been prevailing since yesterday has caused a telegraphic break-down throughout the United Kingdom unequalled since 1881. Even this morning the north is practically cut off from the south, and many of the provincial towns are so snow bound that the courts there have been closed, owing to the litigants residing in the country being unable to reach the towns.

DISASTROUS FIRE.

One Life Lost and Property Valued at Over $25,000 Destroyed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

ROANOKE, VA., December 13.—The little town of Graham, Tazewell county, was visited by a disastrous fire early yesterday morning, which caused the loss of one life and a property loss of from $25,000 to $30,000. The fire started in a restaurant, and owing to a lack of fire apparatus soon spread over an entire block of business houses. Emery Stafford, while going from his room to the restaurant building, was cut off from escape and was burned to death.

THE CROPSEY CASE.

Committee of Five Are Expecting Developments Hourly.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 13.—To-day's feature in the Cropsey case was a statement from James Wilcox, in reply to the letter from Justice Cropsey, charging him with responsibility for his daughter's disappearance.

The committee of five still have confidence in their undivulged clue and expect developments hourly.

WARM WIRELETS.

The steamer Milwaukee cleared at New Orleans for Cape Town with 1,100 horses.

An inventory of the personal estate of Pierre Lorillard, Sr., shows it to be worth under $2,000,000.

Alphonz Levy, United States customs inspector, was killed at Galveston, Texas, by being run over by a railroad train.

The United States training ship Alliance arrived at Norfolk, Va., from a foreign cruise. The 500 apprentices on board are reported well.

John I. Rogers, of the Philadelphia National League baseball team, announces the election of A. G. Spalding as president of the National League.

Total bank clearings for the week ending December 12th, $2,602,831,892; increase, 19.2 per cent. Outside of New York, $839,930,629; increase, 17 3 per cent.

Frank Cannon and Wm Kelley, colored, were hanged at Helena, Ark., for the murder of Isaac Lane and his wife, colored, on Island Sixty-six in the Mississippi river.

Admiral Schley has received a number of offers to go on the lecture platform. One proposition was a fixed price of $500 a night for lectures to last forty nights. Admiral Schley politely declined this and all other offers.

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Almie Murray, the match maker of the Southern Athletic Club of Charleston, S. C., has made a bid for the McGovern-Sullivan fight, offering 70 per cent. of the gross receipts. He also offered a guarantee for the go between "Young Corbett" and Lenny, and the latter's manager has wired his acceptance.

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nov 24 tf 18 Market street.

Cocoanuts! Cocoanuts!

Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Apples,

Sugar, Coffee, Flour,

Meal and Molasses.

Also a full line of case goods. Prices right. Treatment fair.

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BEFORE "taking advantage of Closing Out" sales compare my goods and prices. The success to be attained by selling honest goods of lasting quality at reasonable prices is mine.

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Furniture and Furniture Novelties,

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AND LOOK IN THE WINDOW OF THE

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AND SEE HOW THE

BRASS BED IS REDUCED.

Also look over our fine line of Furniture and see how cheap a good quality of goods can be sold. We have given others bargains and if you give us a call we are sure you will be satisfied with our prices. Very respectfully.

A. M. Susman Furniture Co.,
110 and 112 Market Street,
nov 20 tf Wilmington, N. C.

GEO. O. GAYLORD'S

Big Racket Store

On North Front Street, near Postoffice, is the scene and centre of great activity. Our Christmas goods are all spread out on sale and Santa Claus has laid in a supply of everything for the Holiday trade.

Old Santa has made his headquarters with us. He will start out from here to fill all the stockings in the town. We have Toys, Toys, Toys, that represent everything in the toy line. What you want ask for it; it will be found. We have all kinds of Candies from 8c to 25c per pound. We have fireworks. Roman candles, shoot four times, for 8c a dozen; torpedoes at 1c a box. All kinds and sizes of fireworks to sell cheap.

Five hundred new Umbrellas for presents, with Silver and Pearl handles. Just received three hundred pieces fine Fur that we are selling, practically speaking, at less than half price. A fine Collarette at 69 cents. A Fur Cape for 98c. And everthing in Fur as high as you want to go. A Fur Collarette and Muff for $6.50. A real Fur, with head, eyes and tail, for 98c. One hundred beautiful new Silk, Satin and Velvet waists. Waists that are worth $3, $4 and $5 each, in black, all sizes, at $2 each. Beautiful Silk Skirts, best Taffeta goods, for $5.00 and $7.50 each. Ladies fine all wool Homespun Skirts for $2, worth $3.50. Fine Flannel waists at $1. Mercerized Satteen waists at 48c. Striped underskirts worth $1, now 48c. One hundred and fifty black mercerized Underskirts at from 50c to $1.19. Ladies Cloaks—all styles, all prices.

A beautiful Broadcloth Cloak with pearl buttons in tan, black and castor, worth $10, my price $6.50. Beautiful Cloaks in nice new styles at $5. A few very handsome Cloaks that sold for $15 and $18, we are now selling out for $10 and $12.50—tan and castor only.

Our Men and Boys' Clothing Department is receiving great attention now—every day we are adding new value—new goods coming in all the time. We are selling $8 Suits for $5 and $10 Suits for $7.50. We have just bought to-day from factory all they had of lines of very fine Gentlemen Suits. Suits that retail for $15 and $20, my price on them is $10 and $12.50. A new line of Raglan Overcoats, strictly $10 coats, for $7.50. Just received, twenty fine Tricot Coats, regular $10 garments. I am closing them out at $5, saving you half and giving you a good coat. A Beaver Coat, full length and full size, $4.50 each. A Youth's very heavy coat with storm collar, for $1.98. A few small boys' Reefers cheap. A couple of 12-year-old boy's Overcoats, worth $6, for $4.

In our Millinery Department we are making up a special line of Velvet Hats, trimmed in silk and nice fancy feathers. Hats that we sold for $2 we can now sell 100 of them at $1 each. A big drive in all Silk Ribbons. No. 40, all silk, for 10c, worth 20c per yard.

In our Dress Goods Department, on first floor, we are doing an immense business. We are selling goods, and why? Because we have what the people want, and everybody needs, at the lowest price of anybody in North Carolina. Best Pee Dee Plaids for 4½c per yard. Sea Island Shirting, fine grade, at 5c per yard. Yard-wide Sheeting at 4c per yard. A splendid Glass Lantern for 10c.

A big line of Ladies' Mackintosh Coats we want to sell cheap. 10,000 Christmas Cards and Calendars of all kinds, from 1c up to $1 each. 500 Paper-bound Novels, worth 10c and 20c, my price 5c each.

We punch your card for cash purchases and give you a valuable present free—chairs, tables, china or glassware. Trade at the Racket Store and get 100 cents worth for $1.00.

Come to see us and buy your Christmas goods from the Racket Store.

Geo. O. Gaylord, Proprietor.

208 AND 210 NORTH FRONT STREET,

dec 8 tf

COAL THAT IS COAL!

NOT DIRT,

Slate Dust or Impurities

Of any kind and that contains 90 per cent pure carbon, is what you get when you buy our

HIGH GRADE GOODS.

We want good money, you want good Coal, so honors are easy.

We can also suit you on the Wood question. Send your orders to the old stand.

J. A. Springer & Co.

nov 16 tf The Veteran Dealers.

Rehder's Rehder's

A Visit to the Big Store this week will place you where you can purchase

Christmas Presents

for the whole family.

Every Department is filled with Holiday Novelties.

Special prices are being offered in all departments.

Our 10 and 25c Booths are the biggest attractions in the city. Many new things just received have been placed in them.

Our Toy Annex, opposite the Big Store is crowded with Toys from 1c to $5. Special prices this week. We need room for another big lot to arrive in few days. Be sure and visit the popular Store this week.

J. H. REHDER & CO.

FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

Car fare paid on purchases of $2 and upwards.
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Ladies' walking Boot, mannish form, for shopping and general street wear. $2 00 Perfect Fitting.

Ladies' Semi-Business Boot, Cornell or Vassar forms. A medium weight boot for any occasion. Patent Leather Tip or Tip of same. Medium weight sole. Close edge. Military heel. Made only in Black Kid. $2 50 Stylish Appearing.

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New Stock; Selected Varieties.

Dutch, Roman and Italian Hyacinth Bulbs, all colors; Tulip Bulbs all colors and shapes; Chinese Sacred Lilies, extra large Bulbs; Evergreen Lawn Grass Seed. Now is the time to plant all of the above to get good results. Call at

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New Goods.

Malaga Grapes, Cocoanuts, Cream of Wheat, Oranges.

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Preserved Ginger, Loose Buckwheat, Prepared Buckwheat, Fresh Saratoga Chips, Fancy Red Cranberries, cleaned Currents and Raisins.
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